



Landmark facility

State-of-the-art health clinic dedicated in Tishomingo



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal officials and guests during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new Tishomingo Health Clinic, Monday, February 11. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, tribal legislators Shana Tate Hammond, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Scott Wood, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs, Gov. Anoatubby, Rear Admiral Kevin Meeks, Indian Health Service area director, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, Health administrator Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker, legislators Tim Colbert and David Woerz, physician assistant Michael Reyes and nurse practitioner Serena Black. The 53,000 square-foot facility is more than four times the size of the previous clinic, which opened more than 40 years ago.

Mike McKee

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – A new era in modern Indian health care dawned with the Feb. 11 dedication of the new Chickasaw Health Clinic in Tishomingo.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal and local officials, and other distinguished guests during the ribbon-cutting ceremony that unveiled the new 53,000 square-foot clinic.

Located at 815 E. 6th Street in the historic capital city of the Chickasaw Nation, the new facility is more than four times the size of the previous clinic.

“The opening of this new clinic marks a significant milestone in our ongoing mission to continually improve health

services for Chickasaws and all Native Americans we serve,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We are excited about these new and expanded services in Tishomingo.

“Our health care team works diligently to offer the high-quality health care so vital to the overall quality of life. This new clinic is designed and equipped to empower our staff with the best tools available.”

The new clinic features 21 exam rooms, 12 dental chairs, drive-through pharmacy services, ultrasound exams, mammograms, bone density scans and hearing exams.

Oklahoma Optical will also provide optical services at the new clinic, and a full-time be-

havioral health specialist will be on-site.

The unique design and decor of the building reflects the tribe’s traditions and culture.

The clinic will add about 25 new jobs to the Tishomingo area, including physicians, nurses and support staff. The Chickasaw Nation/Indian Health Service joint venture calls for the tribe to fund construction of the clinic. IHS offers additional funds for 20 years of staffing and operation.

Gov. Anoatubby said the joint venture program provides a “great return” on the tribe’s investment.

“This program benefits everyone involved,” Gov. Ano-

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The new Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic.

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tubby said. "This plan provides a state-of-the-art facility for our patients without requiring a large initial budget expenditure from the Indian Health Service. It also provides a higher level of funding for staffing overtime, which will be a great benefit to our patients."

The clinic is one of only three Joint Venture Construction programs awarded nationwide during Fiscal Year 2011.

The Joint Venture Construction program develops partnerships between tribes and the IHS. Under the competitive program, tribes who acquire or build a tribally-owned health care facility may be selected to participate.

In exchange for purchasing or constructing a health care facility with tribal funds, IHS provides funding for certain

staffing and operations costs.

Chickasaw Nation Health serves more than 500,000 patients each year in the 370,000 square-foot Medical Center in Ada, Okla., and health clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell. Health also operates three nutrition centers, three wellness centers and a diabetes care center.

For more information about the Tishomingo Health Clinic visit www.chickasaw.net

History of the Tishomingo Clinic

The Tishomingo Clinic was established in the 1960s in a small building on Main Street.

Prior to opening of local facilities, Indian patients traveled to Lawton, Tahina or Shawnee for health services.

From the Main Street location, the Tishomingo Clinic moved to a building on Neshoba Street. In addition to the small clinic building, there was a small mobile dental trailer for oral health care.

A new facility, at 815 E. 6th Street, was built in the 1970s.

Through the years, the Chickasaw Nation added the additional space and services

to the existing building.

In addition to a dental clinic, laboratory and pharmacy, the Tishomingo Clinic offers an eye clinic, behavioral health, x-ray, pre-natal care and well-baby visits, Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) nutrition program and periodic specialty clinics.

As a result of a decade-long partnership among the tribe

and three federal agencies - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and Housing and Urban Development - the Tishomingo Clinic has served the health care needs of the Native American population in the southeastern region of the Chickasaw Nation.

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Chickasaw Foundation now accepting scholarship applications

The Chickasaw Foundation is now accepting 2013-2014 scholarship applications.

Numerous college scholarships, both major specific and general purpose education, are available.

Last year, the Chickasaw Foundation awarded 69 scholarships totaling more than \$82,000.

A complete list of available scholarships can be found on the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship application. Eligibility and academic requirements are also listed.

Applicants will be notified by mid-July if they are selected to receive a scholarship. Schol-

arship awards will be paid directly to a recipient's designated college or university.

Applications are available at www.chickasawfoundation.org. All applications must be delivered or postmarked by June 1.

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

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New Center for Student Success at Southeastern



Governor Bill Anoatubby is joined by Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle and Southeastern State University guests during the January dedication of the new Center for Student Success on the campus of Southeastern in Durant. In the center cutting the ribbon are Gov. Anoatubby, Southeastern president Larry Minks, Oklahoma Chancellor for Higher Education Glen D. Johnson, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Regent John Massey and Chief Pyle.

Governor Bill Anoatubby joined Choctaw Nation Chief Greg Pyle, Oklahoma Chancellor for Higher Education Glen D. Johnson and Southeastern Oklahoma State University officials to dedicate the new Center for Student Success on the Southeastern campus January 24.

"The Chickasaw Nation and Southeastern have been longtime partners in promoting education excellence," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We are excited about this new center for students and committed to furthering educational oppor-

tunities with Southeastern."

The Center for Student Success offers an Academic Advising and Outreach Center, the Learning Center, the Writing Center, the Office of Freshman Programs, and the Native American Center for Student Success.

The facility was formulated based on the strategy of Complete College America, a national nonprofit whose goal is to increase the number of Americans with college degrees. Complete College America's mission is to increase awarded degrees by 67 percent.

The goal of this initiative is by 2023 Oklahoma colleges and universities will annually award 50,900 college degrees. During the 2011-2012 academic year, state colleges and universities awarded 33,499 degrees and certificates.

Complete College America focuses on state policy change and building consensus among state leaders, higher education and the national education policy community.

The Chickasaw Nation regularly partners with Southeastern on education programs.

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Chickasaw Nation gateways now open to our many visitors

For generations, the stories of the Chickasaw people have been passed down through the generations. At first, our stories were verbal. As time moved forward, our important stories reached non-Chickasaws through the written word.

The Chickasaw people's long and enduring history is now reaching more people than ever in history.

Our storied history is not only important; it is appealing to those who are just now discovering us. Our early history in our Southeastern homelands; the challenge and pain of Removal; the allotment period and termination period; our resurgence as a sovereign nation – all are compelling to others.

We all know those important stories. They are major cornerstones in the history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our historic stories often share the elements of perseverance, family and achievement. Together, we have come so far over the generations. Now, in this modern era, the Chickasaw Nation is engaged in unique, important and exciting outreach to others. There is much more we will create together as our future continually unfolds.

Now, having successfully survived the generations of struggle, we can focus on achieving new goals in this new century. One important outreach by our tribe is the opening the gateways of the Chickasaw Nation to share our important stories with the world.

We have recently dedicated a new Chickasaw Nation tourism outreach plaza on Interstate 35 near Da-



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vis. At this Welcome Center and Bedre Fine Chocolates plant and retail center, travelers receive their first “taste” of Chickasaw culture, friendship and entrepreneurship. These facilities are entry points for those who will spend time with us learning about our people and our tribe, while enjoying the natural beauty and genuine hospitality of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our visitors may decide to visit our Treasure Valley facility just across the highway from the Welcome Center. They may then choose to enjoy the Chickasaw Cultural Center and Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, or the upcoming Chickasaw Nation Retreat and Conference Center in the Arbuckle Mountains. These centers – among others – will help us develop our tourism base, all while educating visitors in the unique history and cul-

ture of the Chickasaw Nation.

In Oklahoma City, we are reaching thousands of visitors monthly through our Remington Park operation. Yes, people come to see the horses and enjoy the ambiance of the refurbished and rejuvenated park. But they also experience Chickasaw hospitality and a touch of our culture and history. Those experiences will lead a percentage of our visitors deep into the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation is opening the entry points that will lead to a deeper investigation of the Chickasaw experience. Our commercial endeavors obviously entertain visitors. But our facilities also offer a welcoming touch of the Chickasaw Nation and encourage those who want to enjoy the natural and historic wonder of our area.

We are actively developing our tourism strategy. It is a strategy built on great experiences, great service and the awesome history of the Chickasaw Nation.

Our tribe is like an undiscovered gem that sits on top of the ground. Our history, our culture, our natural areas – our story – are all enticing and welcoming. We now have the ability to effectively share it with others. What great and wonderful surprises await those who visit with us!

Who we are, where we have come from, what we have built together – these are truly our biggest assets. People want to know us. Now, we are prepared to engage them in our unique and exceptional Chickasaw experience!

Y-Not Robots2 take ‘Inspire Award’ at robotics competition



Students from the Chickasaw Nation FTC Y-Not Robots and Y-Not Robots2, Patrick Cooke, Adam Click, Morgan McDonald, Sean Jesse, Olivia Click and Laurel Click, await a robot performance challenge at the January 26 qualifier tournament in Byng, Okla. During the awards ceremony the Y-Not Robots2 were presented with the Inspire Award—an award presented to a strong competitor who embodies the spirit of the FTC program.

The Chickasaw Nation Y-Not Robots2 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team walked away with the “Inspire Award” at the January 26 robotics tournament at Byng (OK) High School.

“Why should we not choose a winning team that inspires us from everywhere?” the judges commented as the award was presented.

Considered the most presti-

gious award at an FIRST Tech Challenge, the Inspire Award is awarded to the team that embodies the best qualities of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST).

The Y-Not Robots2 - Laurel Click, Olivia Click, Melissa Hall, Sean Jesse, David Lawrence and Nate Nance - were among 16 teams competing in the

Byng tournament.

The “Winning Alliance Award” was won by Team 4250, the Lightsabers of Oklahoma City, and Team 4378, Organized Chaos of Newcastle, Okla.

FIRST Tech Challenge is a robotics competition in which teams of up to 10 students ages 14 to 18 work together to design, build and program a

robot to compete on a 12-foot by 12-foot field. Team members apply math and science concepts, and apply problem-solving and team-building skills.

Both Chickasaw Nation FIRST Tech Challenge teams have won either a “Winning Alliance Award” or the “Inspire Award,” qualifying them for the state championship set for Weatherford, Okla., March 1 and 2.

Chickasaw Nation FIRST Tech Challenge Team 4224, Y-Not Robots, was presented the “Inspire Award” at the Sapulpa, Okla., tournament in December. They also won the robot performance game portion of the competition.

In January, Team 6780, Y-Not Robots2 was recognized with the “Judges’ Award” for its high standard to the ideals of FIRST at the Muskogee, Okla., robotics tournament.

Qualifying teams from local tournaments advance to state championship tournaments. Winners at state tournaments advance to the World Championship Tournament in St. Louis.

About FIRST

The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology lead-

ers by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the robotics program, students gain science, engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and foster well-rounded life capabilities such as self-confidence, communication and leadership.

FIRST Tech Challenge ‘Inspire Award’

This formally judged award is given to the team that embodies the “challenge” of the FTC program.

The team that receives this award is chosen by the judges for best capturing a “role model” FIRST Tech Challenge Team. This team is a top contender for all other judging categories and is a strong competitor in the field.

The “Inspire Award” team is an inspiration to other teams, acting with gracious professionalism both on and off the playing field. This team understands how to communicate its experiences and knowledge to other teams, sponsors and the judges.

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Peace, prosperity welcome blessings as Spring arrives



**CONNIE
BARKER**

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Hello Everyone,
Well, spring is on its way bringing us longer, warmer days and a promise of peace and prosperity.

Peace and prosperity are two events or processes that we strive to obtain in life. We seek peace that transcends all things through our creator and we hope to move through life sharing peace toward one another, not as a burden of action, but rather as a gift of love.

We strive to celebrate the successes of our individual family members through achievements in school, advanced learning, workplaces, relationships or

through the conception and the excitement of new life through our children and grandchildren. We have immediate families that we cherish, communities that we embrace and we have an American Indian Nation that sustains us. We are clearly defined by who we are and are proud to publish our heritage through text and to celebrate that heritage without reservation.

While we celebrate life each day as a native people, we also celebrate those who have gone before us. Let us always remember to celebrate our heritage in a way that honors those that have helped us to arrive where we are today and where our path will lead us tomorrow.

We are not alone on this earth, but guided in our destiny to remain an unconquered and unconquerable nation of Native Americans-Chickasaw!

As we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the everlasting light he shines down upon us, I am pleased that we as a nation are traveling in the light of new hope, vision and sustainability.

God bless each of you and God bless the Chickasaw Nation!

Connie Barker

Pickens District, Seat 2

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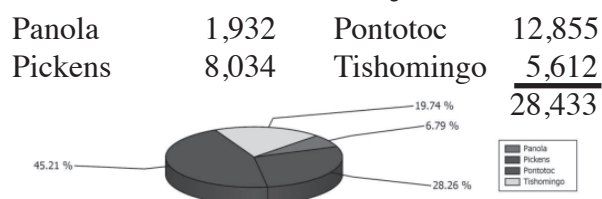
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Count of Voters by District



'Co-grandmother' passes from Earth to eternal life

Once again we meet! Would you believe that doing this monthly article is like having a pen pal? So that being the case, please contact me with your exciting news or family history. It is always interesting to hear of others and their adventures! Don't forget to check out my new website www.chickasawbeth.com I am open to ideas...



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ALEXANDER**

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Carol and James Dodson



WB and Imogene Williams

and little Ever Grace will continue to run the race! EG as we sometimes call her, is already showcasing some of Granny's characteristics, such as a winning smile, outgoing personality and great determination. In the midst of our sorrow, we also rejoice in knowing we will see Annette again one day.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

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Annette "Granny" Biggs and Beth "Gram" Alexander Co-grandmothers.

Stonewall Methodist Church should be saved

Hello Friends,
I hope the letter finds you and yours doing well. Our family is well. Shawna is undergoing radiation. She was prescribed five sessions per week for six weeks. It is no picnic for her, but she is doing so much better now that the chemotherapy and first surgery have been completed.



**KATIE
CASE**

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Thank each and everyone who has prayed, thought positive thoughts and expressed concerns for Shawna. We are truly grateful and very aware of the benefits of your prayers, thoughts and good wishes and the benefits of being part of the Chickasaw community.

Growing up, the center of my community was Stonewall, Okla. That was where we went for our groceries, clothes and medicine. It is where we got to see movies, go skating and attend the popular, crowded Saturday afternoon drawings for prizes donated by local merchants.

Grandpa always said, "If you can't get it in Stonewall, you probably don't need it."

I always knew Stonewall had a colorful history filled with cowboys and Indians, outlaws and characters of all types. But, I didn't know the Methodist

Church building was a link to our Chickasaw past.

The building stands, today, in the same spot, to which it was moved when "New Stonewall" sprang up, overnight, in a cotton field owned by Chickasaw farmer/rancher, Mrs. Bourland. Chickasaw membership helped sustain the church through the years.

The church building illustrates the long and shared history of Chickasaw people and the Methodist Church. Records indicate a delegation of Chickasaws met with Methodist leader John Wesley as early as 1737.

Because the old Methodist Church represents a significant piece of Chickasaw history, it deserves to be preserved.

Today, the church is in disrepair and needs to be renovated. It was scheduled to be torn down and replaced with a parking lot. Because Stonewall Area Historical Society member, Kay Henry, asked for time to raise money for the needed repairs to save the building, the Stonewall City Council has agreed to postpone demolition for six months giving the historical society time to secure the money for renovation. Kay and other members are actively seeking grants and monetary assistance to create a museum that will preserve a piece of Chickasaw/Methodist history and provide economic benefits and opportunities for a town within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

An effort like this will take a lot of support beginning from the ground up. So, if you agree that saving this part of our history is worth an investment, you need to contact your legislators and express your thoughts. Preserving history like this will take commitment from all districts and all legislators.

We don't have many historical buildings still standing and to save one as old as this would be a gift to future generations.

Respectfully,
Katie



Tribe has tradition of early childhood education

Chukma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
The Chickasaw Nation has always emphasized and supported the importance of education for all ages.



TIM COLBERT

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Early childhood education was in focus during President Barack Obama's State of the Nation address last month. President Obama praised Oklahoma for its quality early-childhood education programs. The Chickasaw Nation has been on the forefront of offering innovative early childhood education programs to our citizens.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program consists of four centers serving more than 200 children throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The Head Start centers, located in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo, help Native American children, ages three to five, prepare for school and give them the skills they will need

later in life.

A relatively new addition to early childhood education offering is the Child Development Center in Ada.

Designed for our youngest citizens, this facility is designed for children to use their imaginations as they learn. The center provides safe, reliable year-round care to about 250 children from six weeks to five years of age.

Plans to expand this type of learning center in Ardmore are also underway.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

Tim Colbert

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At-Large citizens - Health questions call-in

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Division of Health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Great science, tech camps open to Chickasaw kids

Chukma, Hello Everyone,
Last month I gave reasons as to why STEM education is so important to the future of our country, and why we as parents and grandparents should be encouraging our children to become involved in STEM education.



NANCY ELLIOTT

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The Chickasaw Nation has provided many ways for us to get our children interested and involved in STEM-related activities. In 2010, the Chickasaw Nation showed its commitment to STEM education by completing the Science, Technology, and Math Academy in Ada, OK. The Jr. Lego Leagues, for ages 6-8, the First Lego Leagues, for ages 9-14, and the First Robotics Competition teams, for ages 14-18, meet here regularly between August and March to work on projects and prepare for regional, state, and national competition.

Currently there are teams in Ada and Ardmore. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, you can call (580) 272-5579.

If you do not live close enough to be able to participate in these programs, First Lego League teams come from places like Scout troops, home-school teams, Boys and Girls Clubs, after-school programs, and church youth groups. There are also many online STEM activities for kids that can help get your kids interested in Science. Just type in "Stem activities for kids," and you will find several websites with hundreds of activities. A very good one that I found is www.nasa.gov, the NASA Kids' Club.

CNASA Space Camp is a day camp for students who are in the 5th through 12th grades. CNASA Space Camp will be June 10-14 at the STM Academy and has been one of the most popular camps for many years.

Space Camp, located at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL, is another popular camp and will be June 17-21.

Space Camp is for Chickasaw students ages 9-18 and is limited to 36 students. The Native Explorers Club is a fairly new program which gives older students the opportunity to work with an archaeologist in an actual dig.

The Nation also offers other youth summer camps which focus on science related fields. Camp Survivor is designed to promote healthy lifestyles through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Environmental Camp gives students an opportunity to learn about the environment around them and how they can become conservationists.

Educating our children and giving them opportunities to succeed in life are things that are important to every parent and grandparent. We are so blessed in the Chickasaw Nation to have so many resources available to us and to our children.

Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa,

Nancy

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Growth of Indian medical professionals gaining steam

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District! It has been a busy February, as usual. The weather tells us that Spring is just around the corner.

Legislator Dean McManus and I attended the



MARY JO GREEN

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Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Durant early in February. It was an interesting and educational experience.

I enjoyed all the workshops, but especially Governor Anoatubby and all the Chiefs speak about all the projects and endeavors all the tribes are involved in. There was good camaraderie and interaction among the tribal leaders and Council members. We ate together and exchanged ideas. The five tribes working together presents a stronger voice in Washington and that benefits all the tribes.

I was very impressed with an article in last month's *Chickasaw Times* about Chickasaw

Mahate Parker becoming a doctor and wanting to return to Indian country to serve Indian people. I would like to encourage all of our youth to consider a career in a medical field. We will always need health care providers.

We attended a ribbon cutting for the new health care clinic in Tishomingo. The new clinic is beautiful and is larger than the previous clinic. It will allow us to expand services for our people in the Tishomingo area and provide additional employment opportunities for Indian people.

We also attended community council meetings in Oklahoma City and Newcastle. We always enjoy meeting with Chickasaw families there.

A planned ribbon cutting for an adolescent traditional living center in Pauls Valley was postponed due to the weather. We are first among the tribes to provide such a healing environment for troubled youth. I look forward to the ribbon cutting.

I must admit that I missed the seniors' valentine party for the first time in 30 years. I had a conflicting appointment with a doctor. I hope that it is at least 30 years before I miss another one!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you!

CNI Stakeholders Meeting

Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. will conduct its Annual Stakeholders Meeting Monday, March 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, OK.

For more information please contact Jennifer Mott at (405) 253-8200.

Elders gather from across the Chickasaw Nation

Royalty crowned during annual Elders' Valentine Banquet in Sulphur



Chickasaw elders from all the Chickasaw Nation senior centers gather on Valentine Day for the annual Edlers' Valentine Banquet. Chickasaw Valentine royalty include, front row from left, Juanita Hanna, Sulphur; Linda Zachary, Purcell; Betty Rowland, Purcell; Carol Dodson, Achille; Doris Albin, Madill; Marcine Brooks, Ada; Imogene Williamson, Panola; Bonnie Gates, Oklahoma City; Karen Cook, Executive Officer for Division on Aging. Back row from left, Richard Murray, Tishomingo; Joe Hendrix, Pauls Valley; Barbara Leverett, Duncan; Doris Murray, Tishomingo; Deloris Hendrix, Pauls Valley; Trecia Alford, Connerville; Debbie North, Kullihoma; Fernie Sampson, Ardmore. Back row (left to right): James Dodson, Achille; W.B. Williamson, Panola; Bill Albin, Madill; Bob Leverett, Duncan; Ray Hanna, Sulphur; Donald Brooks, Ada; Neal Alford, Connerville; Butch North, Kullihoma; Ronnie Sampson, Ardmore; and Howard Gates, Oklahoma City.

SULPHUR, Okla. – February 14, 2013 marked the 30th Anniversary of the Annual Elders' Valentine Banquet and Coronation. The event, hosted by Chickasaw Nation Aging, brings together elders from each of the 12 senior centers spread across the Chickasaw Nation.

This year's celebration featured food and games, followed by the crowning of the 2013 kings, queens and sweethearts. All 13 pairs, each representing its senior center, had personal stories of love and

friendship read aloud as they were crowned.

For entertainment, a game of "name those lyrics" was played by the lucky attendees who had their names drawn at random. The individuals chosen had the chance to show off their vocal skills by singing the words to well-known classics, and then had to remember the rest of the lyrics once the song had stopped. Prizes were awarded to those who were able to successfully remember the remaining lyrics.

All guests enjoyed the day's

festivities.

Among those honored were: James and Carol Dodson, Achille; Donald and Marcine Brooks, Ada; Ronnie and Fernie Sampson, Ardmore; Neal and Trecia Alford, Connerville; Bob and Barbara Leverett, Duncan; Butch and Debbie North, Kullihoma; Bill and Doris Albin, Madill; Howard and Bonnie Gates, Oklahoma City; W.B. and Imogene Williamson, Panola; Joe and Deloris Hendrix, Pauls Valley; Linda Zachary and Betty Rowland, Purcell; Ray and Juanita Hanna, Sulphur; and

Richard and Doris Murray of Tishomingo.

Each year, Chickasaw Nation elders host a variety of special events throughout the

Chickasaw Nation. For more information on programs for Chickasaw elders, visit www.chickasaw.net

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Maryland Chickasaw wins annual butterfly art contest



Drawing by Elizabeth Sheffield winner of the butterfly art contest.

Elizabeth Sheffield, of Pasadena, Maryland, is the 2013 Chickasaw Nation butterfly art contest winner for this year's Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. Miss Sheffield received a \$200 cash award and her winning artwork will be featured on promotional materials for the event.

The panel of judges chose Miss Sheffield's artwork from

the art submitted to Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities.

The 16-year-old Miss Sheffield is a junior at Annapolis Area Christian School.

Tess Hudson, sophomore, Davis, Okla.; Brittaney Neuman, sophomore, Spring Lake, Mich.; and Maylon Newton, junior, Ada, Okla., received judges' awards.

All submitted artwork will be framed and displayed during the 2013 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum set for April 18 in Ada, Okla.

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Betty Clark, of Mill Creek, left, a volunteer at the Sulphur Senior Center, and friend Loretta Bradley enjoy the entertainment at the 30th Annual Elders' Valentine Banquet and Celebration.

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Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremonies set for May 7

NORMAN, Okla. - A protector of tribal archives, a generous philanthropist, a decorated military hero, an early tribal official and a progressive Chickasaw rancher and politician comprise the 2013 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame ceremonies will take place Tuesday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Riverwind Showplace Theater in Norman.

Governor Bill Anoatubby will participate in the induction ceremonies.

The 2013 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees are Betty Kemp, Norman, Okla.; Colbert "Bud" Baker, Marco Island, Fla.; Eugene Thompson, Austin, Texas; Thomas Thompson; and Benson Pikey.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pikey will be inducted posthumously.

"It is our privilege to honor these individuals who have made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation and the larger community," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Their commitment to protecting tribal history, shielding our sovereignty, promoting education and serving others epitomizes the spirit

and dedication of the Chickasaw people."

Established in 1987, the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame honors Chickasaws who made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community.

Many outstanding Chickasaw men and women have been inducted into this prestigious circle of honor.

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., features granite plaques bearing the likeness of all inductees.

The Honor Garden is crafted from natural elements including rock, granite and copper. The architecture is an original design inspired by the four cardinal directions and incorporating spiral symbols.

At the center of the Honor Garden is a granite fountain adorned with copper feathers and natural stone.

For more information about Chickasaw Hall of Fame visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

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25 actors, performing artists attend sessions on proper photography, resumes

The Chickasaw Nation recently hosted a head shot and resume workshop for 25 actors, models, singers, dancers and technical support of all ages and levels of experience. The workshop took place at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building in Ada, Okla., on January 25-26.

The workshop featured sessions on learning about re-

sumes and the differences in types of head shots. Attendees also learned about the type of clothing and make-up needed to complement the individual and a head shot was taken on the final day of the workshop.

Instructor for the workshop was Debra Collins Bailey, who holds a master's degree in performing arts and has taught acting for the camera for tal-

ent agencies in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, as well as private classes. She worked through the Arts and Humanities' Performing Arts Department.

Additional workshops will be offered in the future.

For more information contact Bailey at debra.bailey@chickasaw.net or at (580) 272-5520.

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Volumes available through Chickasaw Press

ADA, OKLA. - The Chickasaw Press has recently moved to a new location, 124 E. 14th Street in Ada.

The Press publishes works by and about citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. Works published by the Chickasaw Press can be purchased directly from the Press.

Releases include "They Know Who They Are" by Mike and Martha Larsen which details reminiscences and photographs of Chickasaw elders; and "Te Ata: Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure" by Richard Green, which documents the life of the legendary Chickasaw storyteller through Te Ata's personal letters, papers, and memorabilia.

The Press' recent move from Sulphur was made in late December.

The Press has recently released three new books which include "Chickasaw Lives, Volume Four" by Mr. Green. The book is the culmination of Mr. Green's project to research and write the stories of the Chickasaw people and their history. "Chickasha Stories, Volume Two: Shared Voices" is the second in this particular series written by Chickasaw elder Glenda Galvan and illustrated by Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour.

The third release is the "Anompilbashsha' Asilhha' Holisso: Chickasaw Prayer Book" by the Chickasaw Language Committee. This volume provides select passages from the King James Bible translated into Chickasaw. It can be used by students, the tribe's community and general readers

interested in the Chickasaw language.

The mission of the Chickasaw Press is to preserve and perpetuate an awareness of Chickasaw history and culture by providing an outlet for Chickasaw writers and scholars. The Press also supports research and writing of Chickasaws engaged in ethical and culturally acceptable research and publication practices.

The Chickasaw Press is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about the Chickasaw Press visit the Chickasaw website at <http://www.chickasaw.net/> or contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282.

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Military care packages

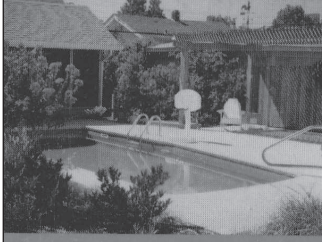
The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.

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CNTV covers the ribbon cutting of the new Tishomingo medical clinic. This state-of-the-art facility marks another great stride in improving health care for all Native Americans.

We visit a brother and sister who are members of the robotics team. Watch how a sibling rivalry and science and technology play out this month on CNTV.

The Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum has been hosting a number of arts and crafts events recently. Learn more about this class and others offered by the Chickasaw Nation this month on CNTV.

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Joining forces to benefit Chickasaw workers

Tribe's InnovationOne, Career Development create new synergy



Working together, Chickasaw-owned InnovationOne and the Career Development Initiative designed, built and installed this large freezer platform for the new Chickasaw Conference and Retreat Center. Helping with the project, from left, Kent Foster, InnovationOne manager; Brad Phelps, CDI coordinator; Barry Burns, CDI participant; Nathan Russell, CDI director; Bryce Gouge, regional maintenance manager Division of Commerce; and Amy Richey, director of food and beverage, Chickasaw Conference Center.

A Chickasaw Nation program that assists Chickasaws overcome employment barriers and a Chickasaw-owned company have combined forces to create a successful partnership.

InnovationOne, a manufacturing facility, and Career Development Initiative (CDI) have recently joined forces. The plant now provides a training ground for CDI participants.

The result is a "win-win" scenario for the Chickasaw Nation.

Located in Marietta, Okla., InnovationOne is a 100,000 square-foot facility with high-level capabilities including laser cutting, sheet metal and structural fabrication, welding and powder coating.

CDI's mission is helping citizens overcome barriers to employment by providing training, transportation and other needs.

The partnership helps each organization meet its goals.

"InnovationOne has two goals," InnovationOne plant manager Kent Foster said. "To provide a positive revenue stream that flows back to the tribe to fund tribal programs, and to create employment opportunities for Chickasaw citizens. This partnership is a testimony to those goals."

Dickson, Okla., resident Barry Burns was the first CDI participant selected to work at InnovationOne.

His first project was to assist in building a large freezer platform for the Chickasaw Conference Center and Retreat project near Sulphur.

Mr. Burns worked in each step of the project from design to installation.

"A first, there was a lot of tri-

al and error," he said. "I knew about welding, but once I got to the shop I found I didn't know anything. It was very high tech."

Mr. Burns said his welding skills and manufacturing knowledge dramatically increased in just a few weeks on the job. During the process, he learned to read blueprints and welding symbols and improved his welding skills.

"You learn more being at InnovationOne and seeing the

in the past, but did not know of all their capabilities," Mr. Goug said. "The freezer stand has led to more projects, such as access ladders and flag pole installations. InnovationOne is a good resource for us. I have confidence that they can accomplish any project we request."

Mr. Foster says he hoped the freezer project was the springboard for more training opportunities.

"We are building a partnership that ties everyone in as a family," he said. "This program teaches tribal citizens skill sets they may not have, and improves skill sets they possess."

Both Mr. Foster and Nathan Russell, CDI program director, view the partnership as a means to fulfilling the mission of the Chickasaw Nation - enhancing Chickasaw lives.

"You have to be Chickasaw to be in the CDI program, and we are training Chickasaws in a Chickasaw-owned business," Mr. Russell said. "It is not just the citizen we are affecting, it is the family. When you affect one Chickasaw you affect whole generations. When the participant is successful it is a huge accomplishment."

The plant's location also provides an opportunity to reach Chickasaws who live in the

"We are building a partnership that ties everyone in as a family. This program teaches tribal citizens skill sets they may not have, and improves skill sets they possess."

Kent Foster

InnovationOne manager

project from start to finish than being involved in one little step."

The six-ton platform was recently assembled on-site, a day ahead of schedule.

It will soon support a 3,000-pound walk-in freezer.

Mr. Burns now has a sense of pride and accomplishment when he sees the final project.

"Being able to build something and see it later and knowing you built it and installed it, it is pretty cool," he said.

Bryce Goug, regional maintenance manager for Chickasaw Nation Commerce, reached out to InnovationOne to build the freezer platform project.

"We knew of InnovationOne and have worked with them

southern part of the Chickasaw Nation.

"There are employers in the southern area who need workers with the skill sets that can be learned at InnovationOne," Mr. Russell said. "So, if we can get CDI participants trained at InnovationOne, they can go out into the workforce and be employable. Job market demands are met by the training received at Innovation One. We've developed a very structured manufacturing training program and we hope to increase the number of employable Chickasaws."

Training can include skills such as MIG welding, TIG welding, powder coating and high level fabrication such as laser cutting and plasma cutting.

About InnovationOne

A Chickasaw Nation Industries subsidiary, the business was purchased from Siemens in 2004.

Siemens had announced the plant was closing, and with it 50 jobs would have disappeared.

"The Chickasaw Nation made an acquisition and saved all the jobs," Mr. Foster said.

Governor Bill Anoatubby had a vision with the purchase of 100,000 square-foot factory - to expand the tribe's footprint in the manufacturing world and to diversify tribe's capabilities.

Since 2004, the manufacturing business located in the Pickens District has increased its annual revenue from about \$4 million to more than \$16 million.

"The primary reasons for the success of InnovationOne have been strong tribal and corporate leadership, superior employees and the determination to be successful," Mr. Foster said.

The plant is preparing for a significant expansion and upgrade.

"We plan to upgrade 95 percent of our equipment," Mr. Foster said.

"It's huge for the community, a huge step for InnovationOne and the Chickasaw Nation, to be investing in the latest and greatest technology. The tribe is going to have a manufacturing operation that is second to none. We invite folks to come visit our operations in Marietta."

The plant currently has 40 employees with plans to add more staff after the expansion.

Plans are also in the works to increase InnovationOne's presence in the oil and gas industry.

"The opportunities are unlimited," Foster said.

For more information about InnovationOne, visit www.chickasaw.com/innovationone.

About the Career Development Initiative

The Career Development Initiative is dedicated to helping qualified Chickasaw citizens overcome employment barriers.

Designed as a six-month program to assist those with confirmed barriers to employment, the Career Development

Initiative enables participants to take steps to resolve employment issues while gaining work skills and experience.

To be eligible for the Career Development Initiative, applicants must be Chickasaw citizens.

To help participants succeed in reentering the work force, CDI helps provide the following services:

- Transportation from career development offices to and from work sites

- Preparation for State-Certified General Educational Development Tests

- Obtaining Critical Individual Documentation (birth certificate, Social Security cards and state-issued identification cards)

- Meeting requirements to obtain a driver's license

For more information about the CDI program, visit the [Career Development Initiative \(CDI\)](http://Career Development Initiative (CDI) link on Chickasaw.net) link on Chickasaw.net, or call (580) 272-5085.

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Youth Art Month event March 23 at Chickasaw Community Center

Several interactive booths are scheduled for this year's Youth Art Month celebration, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 23 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Planned activities include a martial arts demonstration, as well as an awards ceremony recognizing the winners of the Chickasaw Nation Anoli Creative Writing Contest.

Each March, Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities hosts the carnival-like event to celebrate National Youth Art Month.

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc., and the Art & Creative Materials Institute to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

The Chickasaw Community Center is located at 700 North Mississippi.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

Insight on Japanese view of American Indian history, culture

Japanese scholar speaks on Japan's perception of Indians



Yoshitaka Iwasaki

SULPHUR, Okla. – Japanese student Yoshitaka Iwasaki is on a mission to broaden the knowledge of Native Americans among his own countrymen.

A doctoral student and instructor at Osaka University in Japan, Mr. Iwasaki recently made a return trip to the Chickasaw Nation and shared views about Native American history from the perspective of a foreign country.

Mr. Iwasaki, who is working on his Ph.D in American Indian History with a concentration on

Chickasaw history, lectures extensively in Japan about American history and Native American history.

He said there were several misconceptions of Native Americans among Japanese students.

"Many students in Japan think Native Americans are in the process of extinction, a vanishing people," he said. "When I tell my students I am going to the United States for research, they always ask questions such as 'are they still alive' and 'are they living in

teepees or riding horses?"

"Yoshi," as his American friends call him, is quick to correct these misconceptions.

"I will show them pictures of my Chickasaw and Native American friends, and they look like average American citizens."

The students, he said, are always surprised.

Mr. Iwasaki has made it his life's work to educate Japanese people about true Native American culture.

"My mission is to educate Japanese people in various outreach efforts about the cultures and history of Native American people," he said. "Native Americans are both American citizens and tribal citizens and have strong pride about having dual citizenship. You exist as U. S. citizens, but you still keep Native American heritage, even now. So I really admire you."

Yoshi knows his subject matter well.

Since he was a young boy in Japan, he has been fascinated by American Indians.

The portrayal of Native Americans on Western movies first piqued his interest when he was five or six years old.

"That is when I became so fascinated with Native Americans," he said.

He said he had mixed emotions about American Indians after watching the films.

A self-described "wannabe" Indian, he said that he was impressed by how "cool" they were, adding that even as a young child, he wondered why the Native Americans were treated so badly in the films.

While movies such as "Stagecoach" and "Broken Arrow" piqued his interest in Native Americans, the book "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" motivated him to delve more deeply into the history of American Indian tribes.

"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," by Dee Brown, documents the destruction of Native Americans in the second half of the 19th century.

Translated into 15 languages, the book sold more than four million copies worldwide, and was a best-seller in the U.S. and Japan.

"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" was my bible," he said.

As his interest continued to grow, he decided to major in Native American studies and

during his third year at university to come to Oklahoma to further his studies.

Since then, he has dedicated his life to spreading the real story of the American Indian, with the focus of his studies dedicated to the Chickasaw people.

He blushed as he was asked to describe his first introduction to the Chickasaw Nation. He was on a deadline to finish a paper about the Removal period and sought a book entitled "Indian Removal."

Because he was a rush, he selected the shortest chapter, which was about the Chickasaw people.

"My starting point was not so good, but soon after I learned more about your story, about Chief Tishomingo and prominent families, I was so fascinated with your history. I learned my choice was right," he said.

"The Chickasaw tribe is probably the most prosperous in my opinion."

Since his first visit to Oklahoma, Mr. Iwasaki has returned several times to research Chickasaw history at the University of Oklahoma and other Chickasaw facilities.

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Valentine basket



Nine-year-old Stormy Stinnett, of Ada, creates a valentine basket during a recent workshop at the Chickasaw Tribal Library. Stormy and her brother Jesse attended the event, which also featured "story time" by librarian Judy Thomas. A new event is planned for each month at the tribal library, 1003 Chamber Loop Road in Ada. The library is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday. For more information call (580) 310-6477.

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Cobell Settlement distributions occurring in stages

More than 250,000 individuals have received payments under the Cobell Settlement Agreement, according to the United States Department of Interior. Nevertheless, the Department acknowledges there has been a high level of frustration regarding payments.

On Dec. 14, 2012, Garden City Group, Inc., the Claims Administrator for the historic Cobell Settlement, began distributing payments of \$1,000 to eligible members of the Historical Accounting Class.

More than 208,000 checks were sent to members of the class, and 54,950 payments were wired to the Treasury Department for deposit into Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. According to Interior, the vast majority of payments has been made to members of the Historical Accounting Class without incident.

Nevertheless, some class members have expressed frustration at not receiving a check or having a check mailed to an incorrect address.

There are two classes of individuals eligible for benefits under the settlement. With some exceptions, the Historical Accounting Class includes individuals who had an Individual Indian Money Account between Oct. 25, 1994 and Sept. 30, 2009.

The Trust Administration Class includes individual Indian beneficiaries who had IIM Accounts in the "Electronic Ledger Era," from about 1985 to the present. This class also includes some individual In-

dians who had an ownership interest in trust or restricted property regardless of the existence of an IIM Account.

Members of the Trust Administration Class will receive payments in Stage 2 of the settlement process. Many individuals are members of both classes and will receive separate payments.

The *Cobell* lawsuit was filed in 1996 by Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, over the federal government's handling of individual

Indian money accounts.

Ms. Cobell died last year before the settlement checks could be delivered to the estimated 500,000 account holders. For additional information, individuals should visit the Cobell website: www.cobellsettlement.com.

Individuals who have questions about these payments should contact Garden City Group, Inc. www.IndianTrust.com or call (800) 961-6109.

Trees, shrubs, flowers, sod

Homeowners eligible for Chickasaw Farms landscape package

DAVIS, Okla. – The 2013 Spring Landscaping Products program will kick off Wednesday March 27 at Chickasaw Farms in Davis. The program will continue through continuing October 31.

Chickasaw homeowners can receive an initial landscaping package consisting of three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses, 12 flowers and up to 10,000 square feet of first-quality sod. The 10,000 square-feet of sod is a cumulative limit, and does not all have to be picked up in the same year. Both large and small rolls of sod are available on pallets at Chickasaw Farms.

Chickasaw homeowners who have already received an initial landscaping package are eligible for a supplemental package of one tree, two shrubs, two grasses and six flowers every other year.

"Come and browse our large selection of landscaping products and select your package from our home-grown variety of products," Chickasaw Farms director Karla Windy Boy said. "We also have a variety of fruit trees available."

There are no income guidelines for participation in the program.

If the sod is for a new construction home, completed

within the last six months, sod installation for the new home is available.

The homeowner is responsible for all dirt work in preparation for the sod's installation. The homeowner is also required to execute a waiver and release form if Chickasaw Farms installs the sod for the newly constructed home.

The installation of sod is a one-time service and the maximum amount of sod installed is 8,640 square feet.

To participate in the program, proof of home ownership is required. Documents including homeowner's insurance, home mortgage docu-

ments or property tax assessments are acceptable. A current utility bill with the physical address of the home and a copy of the Chickasaw citizenship card are also required.

Sod orders will be taken beginning April 15 for April 19 pickup.

To place a sod order, call (580) 235-7234 on Monday mornings beginning at 7 a.m. Orders must be picked up Friday of the same week. Trailer requirements for picking up sod will be explained during the call.

The best times for picking up an order is 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Landscaping Products form is available at [www.chickasaw.net/services/community/Chickasaw landscaping products/Chickasaw Farms](http://www.chickasaw.net/services/community/Chickasaw%20landscaping%20products/Chickasaw%20Farms).

Chickasaw Farms is located at 609 West Main in Davis, west of Pizza Hut, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for federal holidays.

For more information, or to place a sod order, contact Karla Windy Boy at (580) 235-7234 or (580) 399-9991 or email karla.windyboy@chickasaw.net. General information is available by calling (580) 436-2603 ext. 21091 or 20712.

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Rep. Cole's Purcell visit



U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) visits with Nina Crossley at the Chickasaw Nation Purcell Senior Nutrition Center. The visit to the senior center was one stop on Rep. Cole's January tour of Chickasaw Nation facilities in Purcell. He also toured the health clinic and nutrition center in order to learn more about the programs and services provided through these locations.

FEMA, NOAA promoting severe weather readiness

March 3-9 marks "National Several Weather Preparedness Week" in the U.S.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have partnered to increase public awareness of the hazards posed by severe weather.

Severe weather affects everyone, but there are common-sense steps we can all take to increase safety.

The "Be a Force of Nature" pledge campaign seeks to increase awareness regarding the risks of severe weather, and how to take appropriate action.

Each year, people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and other types of severe weather, despite advance warning. In 2012, there were more than 450 weather-related fatalities and nearly 2,600 injuries.

What can you do to prepare and help spread the word?

Knowing your risk, taking action and being an example are just a few steps you can take to be better prepared.

Know Your Risk. The first step to becoming "weather-ready" is to understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect where you live and work. Every state in the U.S. has experienced tornadoes and severe weather, so everyone is exposed to some degree of risk.

Check the weather forecast regularly and visit ready.gov/severe-weather to learn more about how to be prepared and how you can protect your family during emergencies.

Pledge and Take Action. Be Force of Nature by taking the "Pledge to Prepare" at ready.gov/severe-weather. When you pledge to prepare, you will take the first step to ensuring you and your family are prepared for severe weather. This includes developing your family communications plan, building an emergency kit, and storing important papers and valuables in a safe place.

Stay informed about severe weather by having multiple sources for weather alerts. Obtain an NOAA Weather Radio and check to see if your cell

phone is equipped to receive Wireless Emergency Alerts. Sign up for weather alerts from local emergency management officials and visit www.weather.gov/subscribe for other sources.

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If you have questions, please contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA's mission is to support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to improve our capability to prepare for, severe weather.



Marshall County keynote

Governor Bill Anoatubby delivers the keynote address at the Marshall County (OK) Chamber of Commerce Banquet on February 21. Gov. Anoatubby outlined many ways the Chickasaw Nation is involved in the Marshall County area including the Chickasaw Children's Village, Marshall County Community Center, aging services, roadwork projects and more. "We believe it is important to be a part of the community," Gov. Anoatubby said. "When we work together, there is so much more we can accomplish."

April 6 event offers environmentally sound disposal

Tribe, Chickasha team up for household hazardous waste collection

CHICKASHA, Okla. - For many, springtime means the beginning of do-it-yourself home improvement projects, spring cleaning, working in the garden and annual maintenance on cars.

Finding a place to safely dispose of unwanted and hazardous cleaners, car care fluids, paint and insecticides often presents problems. These products can harm the environment, sanitation workers or your family if not disposed of properly.

The Chickasaw Nation, in partnership with the City of Chickasha, Okla., will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. on April 6 at the Chickasha High School parking lot, 101 John P. Cowan Drive. This event is free and open to the public.

The dangers of household chemicals are often overlooked by consumers.

When used, stored and disposed of properly, these products pose little risk to users and the environment. When mistreated or combined to-

gether, these compounds can become volatile and dangerous.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), hazardous waste poured directly onto the ground, into storm sewers or put out with the trash can cause serious harm. Hazardous waste contaminates septic tanks and municipal wastewater treatment systems that are not designed to deal with them.

These hazardous materials also pollute streams and lakes, and can make ground and surface water poisonous around the home.

Currently, there are no federal regulations monitoring household hazardous waste, unlike those generated by industries.

It is estimated by the EPA that as much as 100 pounds of hazardous waste can accumulate within the home, often remaining until the residents move. Each American generates an average of four pounds of household hazardous waste annually, or about 530,000 tons a year for disposal.

Reducing household hazardous waste risk

Reducing the risk within the home is easy and simple.

Only buy the amount needed and try to reuse products by donating unused portions to community organizations.

Safely store hazardous products in their original containers. Keep out of reach of children and pets. If possible, store in cabinets with safety locks and away from the kitchen. Always try to use all the product.

Chemicals and products should only be used as directed on package labels. **Never mix with other products.** Mixing can cause an explosion or other harmful result.

Used motor oil, batteries and electronic waste should be taken to collection sites for recycling or disposal.

To find local collection sites, contact city or county solid waste or public works departments.

For information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456. **CONTRIBUTED BY** KC Cole, Public Affairs.

Items accepted at hazardous waste event

- Household chemicals, cleaners and bleach
- E-waste, including monitors, televisions, CPUs, printers and phones
- Automobile tires, oil, antifreeze and brake fluid
- Paint, paint thinner and other solvents
- Mercury, pesticides/herbicides, fluorescent lights, pool chemicals and asbestos

Items not accepted:

- Commercial and electronic waste from businesses
- Ammunition and explosives
- White goods, including refrigerators and air conditioners that contain gases that need removal, stoves, washers and dryers.

Document shredding April 22 at ReUse Center

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center will host a document shredding event Monday, April 22 at the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center, 2205 North Broadway in Ada.

A shredding truck will be onsite from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or until full) to immediately shred documents for recycling.

The ReUse Center is also accepting new and gently used household items and building materials for redistribution in the community. This event is free and open to the public, with businesses welcome.

Items Accepted

- Manila folders and files of any color or grade
- Paper of any color or grade
- Sticky notes
- Surveys
- Blue prints
- Financial records
- Junk mail
- Any other paper document

E-waste, appliances and pharmacy items not accepted.

For information, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456. **CONTRIBUTED BY** KC Cole, Public Affairs.

Festival, films, lectures, Easter Celebration at Cultural Center in March

SULPHUR, Okla. - Celebrate Spring at the Chickasaw Cultural Center during the month of March!

Plenty of fun activities are planned throughout the month, from an egg hunt to a bevy of family movies.

Three Sisters Festival, March 23

The Three Sisters Spring Festival, set for Saturday, March 23, will feature many fun outdoor activities, with an emphasis on the cultural connection to horticulture.

During this festival, homage is given to the three sisters (corn, beans and squash), as well as the rebirth and rejuvenation of spring.

The focus of the day will be horticulture-related activities including preparing a garden, planting tips, cultivating crops and preparing food.

Cultural and cooking demonstrations will take place under the arbors in the traditional village.

Other activities include language lessons, a stomp dance, traditional games and storytelling and an educational presentation of tribal clothing.

Spring Break Movies March 18-23

Family movies will be shown everyday at 3 p.m. during the week of Spring Break, March 18-23, including:

Monday, March 18:

"Here Comes the Boom"

Tuesday, March 19:

"Dr. Seuss' The Lorax"

Wednesday, March 20:

"Real Steel"

Thursday, March 21:

"Here Comes the Boom"

Friday, March 22:

"Dr. Seuss' The Lorax"

Saturday, March 23:

"Real Steel"

Easter Celebration

Join the Easter Bunny at the Cultural Center Saturday, March 30 for a special Easter celebration.

A cookie-decorating workshop, hunting Easter eggs, and fun family games are just a few activities planned to celebrate Easter.

Children age 12 and under will enjoy a free cookie workshop, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe will demonstrate a Stomp Dance at 11 a.m., in the Traditional Village

A first-ever Cultural Center Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 1 p.m. Hundreds of plastic eggs will be hidden in a large field for kids to find.

Additional outdoor activities are set for 2 p.m., including egg and spoon races, an egg toss and a game of "Easter Bunny Says."

The Film *"Hop"* will be shown at 3 p.m., in the Anoli Theater.

Lecture Series

Chickasaw Nation historian

Richard Green will present a lecture on Chickasaw Removal, Thursday, March 21 and Saturday, March 23 in the Anoli Theater.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. It is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130, or online at www.chickasawcultural-center.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Glenda Galvan's 'Chikasha Stories' available from Chickasaw Press



Glenda A. Galvan

Glenda A. Galvan was born into the Fox Clan of the Chickasaw Nation and serves as her clan's storyteller. She regularly appears at functions and celebrations to share the stories with which she was raised.

Mrs. Galvan is member of the Chickasaw Nation Council of Elders. She also serves as the Manager and Curator of the Chickasaw White House

museum and historic site at Emet, Okla.

She serves on numerous museum boards and often travels to share Chickasaw culture and traditional Southeastern stories. Mrs. Galvan received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Galvan's first book published by the Chickasaw Press,

"Chikasha Stories Volume One: Shared Spirit" was published in 2011 and won the 2012 Oklahoma Book Award in the Children's Book category. She followed that with "Chikasha Stories, Volume Two: Shared Voices" in 2012 and the forthcoming "Chikasha Stories, Volume Three: Shared Wisdom," scheduled for release later this year.

The Chikasha Stories series broke new ground by presenting classic, traditional South-

eastern Indian stories in simple terms of the storyteller. The stories were also told in both English and Chickasaw. The books provide readers young and old with an introduction to the tribe's language and helping to preserve the language for the future.

Mrs. Galvan collaborated with award-winning Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour, whose whimsical illustrations added dimension to each story.

Dartmouth Chickasaw flourishing as Native American Studies major



Adria Brown

College students across the country are in the midst of the spring semester. Among them is a Chickasaw student who now calls Dartmouth College her academic home.

When Adria Brown first learned about Dartmouth College from a Native Ameri-

can Fly-In Program it hosted, she didn't know she would later decide to major in Native American issues. Today, a sophomore at Dartmouth, Miss Brown plans to make working with other Native Americans her life's career.

A Chickasaw from St. Louis, Miss Brown said the opportunity to attend the Hanover, N.H., college has changed her life.

"I have always felt that I need to give back to my community and that it is vital to encourage more and more Native students to apply to college," she said. "I don't know if I started Dartmouth thinking Native American Studies was going to become my major. I thought Government was the way to go, but I realized through the Native American Studies classes that I enjoyed them the most, loved the subject, and was per-

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sonally attached to everything I did. Through several research papers on forced sterilization specifically in the Native American community, I realized how much work still needs to be done, and that I could make a difference, however small.”

Dartmouth’s annual Native American Fly-In program provides talented high school seniors with an unparalleled opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of the college’s academic resources, student services and admission and financial aid criteria. Program participants enjoy extensive interaction with members of the Dartmouth Native community along with a cross section of college students, faculty and staff through a mix of information sessions, academic presentations and social events.

“I would love to be involved in getting out the word about this program to other Chickasaws,” Miss Brown said. “I currently work for the Dartmouth Native American Studies Program as a College Knowledge intern, which focuses on providing videos and other resources to encourage Native students to go to college and

demystify some of the process.”

Miss Brown has received assistance from the Chickasaw Nation since going to Dartmouth. She received a textbook scholarship to help purchase required books which she says “has been extremely useful because it is expensive to purchase textbooks throughout the year.”

In addition, she began receiving a clothing grant from the tribe during her freshmen year at Dartmouth that she said “helped me purchase a coat for the New England winter which really helped as well.”

Founded in 1769 with a mission to educate Indian students, Dartmouth College recommitted itself to that mission in 1970 and established the Native American Studies Program in 1972, an academic program open to all Dartmouth students. In this brief time, nearly 700 Native Americans from over 200 different tribes have attended Dartmouth, more than at all the other Ivy League institutions combined.

Native American Studies at Dartmouth works to develop interdisciplinary teaching and

research and increase understanding of the historical experiences, cultural traditions and innovations, and political status of Indian peoples in the United States and Canada.

“Since I was young, I had always assumed that being Chickasaw was something just inherently part of me,” Miss Brown said. “It was emphasized in my mother’s fierce loyalty to us and her teaching us little by little. It was always there; a reminder of how much my ancestors and family have done for me to get to the place I am today.”

She said she hds struggled with the pain in the past and the feeling that she often couldn’t live up the expectations that she had set for herself.

“At times, when derogatory comments were made my way, (like being called a redskin in my first month at Dartmouth), I felt like I should just stay inside of my comfort zone and perhaps go where everyone was alike, where I was similar,” she said. “Originally in my college application process, I did apply to University of Oklahoma and seriously thought that

if I didn’t get into Dartmouth, I would go there. It was comfortable, it seemed like home. And when Dartmouth gets hard I do consider it. But, in high school I started writing about this and realized that writing about being Chickasaw gave me a chance to express how I felt and made me realize that the best thing I could do was to reach outside of my comfort zone and surround myself in the unknown.”

Miss Brown said the Native community at Dartmouth was strong, but at the same time she was reminded that wherever she goes and whatever she gets involved in, she is always Chickasaw.

“I won’t give up since I do want places like Dartmouth to become comfortable places where you can be yourself, and learn,” she said.

Brown said she is also working on a project with Native student retention.

“Dartmouth’s original mission was focused on educating Natives and I’ve taken that to heart to mean that everything I do on campus should be building others up,” she said. “For example, I also currently work

at the financial aid office, and many times financial aid can be the scariest thing during the college process for Native students. It’s helped me to understand the process myself, to help others out and provide a more friendly environment.”

After college, Brown said she would like to work as a teacher for a couple of years, or for the Chickasaw Nation doing some sort of research before entering graduate school for Native American Studies literature. She added that she’s most interested in how Natives have expressed themselves through literature and art, specifically surrounding issues of sexual violence.

Every day, the lives of Chickasaw citizens and the communities served by the Chickasaw Nation are enriched through services and opportunities. From education to healthcare, and from economic development to language preservation, the impact made by the Chickasaw Nation is widespread.

The Chickasaw Nation is proud to recognize Brown as one of many college students

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Education, health, heritage preservation lead tribal investment

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hear-

ing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$11.4 million for the month and \$50.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$12.7 million for the month and \$38.4 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through January totaled \$367.5 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$77.5 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$29.1 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2013, the tribal government funds had \$202.6 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$20.4 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$126.7 million in cash and investments which is re-

served for accounts payable and business operations.

As of January 31, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.508 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2013

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	1,760,806	367,567,003	369,327,809
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	48,429,611	(48,429,611)	-
Total funds available	50,190,417	319,137,392	369,327,809
Expenditures			
General government	4,479,852		4,479,852
Legislature	902,651		902,651
Judiciary	381,434		381,434
Education	7,751,578		7,751,578
Heritage Preservation	5,543,351		5,543,351
Health	6,814,438		6,814,438
Youth and Family Services	3,625,211		3,625,211
Nutrition Programs	1,883,553		1,883,553
Regulatory	2,779,756		2,779,756
Assistance Programs	4,229,436		4,229,436
Gaming expense		202,950,092	202,950,092
Other businesses' expense		87,084,256	87,084,256
Total expenditures	38,391,260	290,034,348	328,425,608
Increase in net assets	11,799,157	29,103,045	40,902,202
Beginning net assets	657,364,535	810,471,469	1,467,836,004
Ending net assets	669,163,692	839,574,514	1,508,738,206

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
January 31, 2013

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	202,638,165	126,682,341	329,320,506
Receivables	34,313,408	72,506,518	106,819,926
Inventory	185,832	7,534,617	7,720,449
Prepaid expenses		22,513,511	22,513,511
Other Assets		1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets	437,735,286	779,507,938	1,217,243,224
Less payables	(5,708,999)	(170,372,911)	(176,081,910)
Net Assets	669,163,692	839,574,514	1,508,738,206

Tribal employees Upton, Williams honored for leadership, service



Kelsey Upton, of Tishomingo, Okla., accepts the 2012 Leadership Award from Gov. Bill Anoatubby at the Employee Service Awards.

Marcy Gray

Two Chickasaw Nation employees have been honored for their leadership, commitment to customer service and dedication to the mission of the Chickasaw Nation.

Kelsey Upton and Douglas Williams were honored during the annual Employee Service Awards Jan. 29 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

Mrs. Upton, of Tishomingo, Okla., received the Chickasaw Nation 2012 Leadership Award.

She serves as Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival coordinator and special events office manager in Tishomingo.

Her positive outlook, unwavering support, creative ideas and leadership skills are a few of the characteristics that made her the choice for this year's top award.

Mrs. Upton was nominated by co-worker Ginger Edmondson.

"Our small office has a consistently pleasant and productive work environment thanks to Mrs. Upton," Ms. Edmondson wrote. "Her ability to see any situation 'outside the box' and be willing to take on various projects is inspiring to me."

Mrs. Upton always finds a way to fulfill requests from citizens and community members and is loyal and committed to the duties of her position.

Mrs. Upton said she was surprised and honored to win the Leadership Award.

"I feel very blessed to just be nominated for this outstanding achievement," she said. "I

am proud to say that I am an employee of the Chickasaw Nation."

Mrs. Upton has worked with the Chickasaw Nation for 11 years. She said she looked forward to being a part of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival each year.

"I am heavily involved co-



Doug Williams, of Tishomingo, Okla., accepts the Chickasaw Nation Customer Service 2012 Award from Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

ordinating events within the Chickasaw Nation, and the event I enjoy most is the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival."

Mrs. Upton resides in Tishomingo with her husband and three children. She enjoys spending time with family and attending her children's activi-

ties.

Doug Williams, also of Tishomingo, received the Chickasaw Nation 2012 Customer Service Award.

He works as a heavy equipment operator at Chickasaw Farms in Davis, Okla.

Mr. Williams was nominated by the Farm's director, Karla

Windy Boy.

"The word 'dependable' really defines Douglas Williams," she wrote. "He is always the first one at the farm in the morning to make sure that everything is fueled up, warmed up and ready to go when everyone else gets to work and always displays a positive attitude."

Mr. Williams is also knowledgeable in all types of heavy equipment operation and is conscientious of his work performance and takes pride in performing his duties.

"I am honored and shocked to receive this award," Mr. Williams said. "I love my job."

Mr. Williams has worked at the Chickasaw Farms since 2008.

He and his wife, Stacy, are both Chickasaw citizens, and reside in Tishomingo with their two children.

The two honorees were selected for the top employee service awards from among more than 12,000 employees.

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Chickasaw Nation workers honored for years of service



Gov. Bill Anoatubby honors Lynn Gibson for 35 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation during the Employee Service Awards conducted Jan. 29.

Marcy Gray

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation employees from all walks of life, including medical professionals, retail clerks, attorneys, cooks, accountants, pilots and executive officers were honored for their service during the annual Employee Service awards, January 29 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

Governor Bill Anoatubby presented appreciation awards to more than 160 employees during the ceremony.

"We are proud to honor these individuals who have accepted the challenge of giving back to the Chickasaw people and dedicated decades of service to enhancing the quality of life for our citizens," Gov. Anoatubby

said. "The Chickasaw Nation is abundantly blessed and we credit all of our dedicated employees for our success."

Lynn Gibson was honored for 35 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

Gov. Anoatubby presented Mrs. Gibson a Chickasaw Nation wall hanging, a 35-year plaque and a Loksi (turtle) shaker made by Chickasaw potter Joanna Underwood.

"Lynn is an outstanding example of continuous dedication and commitment to enriching Chickasaw lives," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Throughout the years, she has served our people and enhanced many Chickasaw lives through her tireless commitment to Chickasaw people."

Mrs. Gibson has worked in many capacities in her 35 years with the Chickasaw Nation, ranging from executive assistant to the child support program.

She is currently a community programs liaison with Chickasaw Nation Communications, Media and Community Devel-

opment.

In this position, she coordinates special events and oversees the maintenance and upkeep of the Ada and Marshall County Community Centers.

"I have the opportunity to meet and help people from all around the community," Mrs. Gibson said. "If I can answer their question and they walk away happy, I am happy."

"I've enjoyed every position I have served in. I learned something new at every one of them."

When she started her tenure with the Chickasaw Nation in the 1970s, "CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) was our biggest program. It helped provide specialized training for citizens after high school."

Since then, Mrs. Gibson has also seen many tribal programs blossom, including health care, education, youth and family programs, economic development and other areas.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14



Celebrating 30 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation with Gov. Bill Anoatubby are, from left, Carol Snyder, Wayne Scribner, Steve Dunnigan and Dora Hamilton. Each honoree received a gold ring and an appreciation plaque.



Honored by Gov. Bill Anoatubby for 25 years of service are, front row, from left, Lona Barrick, Cherry Bennett, Pat Berna, and Linda Underwood. Back row, from left, Willarene Amos, Michael Cully, George Factor, Karla Windyboy and Janet Ruebin.

She gives credit for the success the tribe has enjoyed to the vision of Governor Anoatubby.

"We have progressive leadership," she said. "Our top officials are in tune to what the people need."

Looking to the future, Mrs. Gibson has great confidence the tribe will continue to progress and she looks forward to being a part of the continued success.

Mrs. Gibson and her husband Brent reside in Ada. They have an adult son and two grandchildren, nine-year-old Jesse, and Damien, 12.

Chickasaw Nation employees serving 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 years were also honored. Those attending the ceremony and years of service include:

30 Years of Service

Those honored for 30 years of service were: Steve Dunnigan, Dora Hamilton, Wayne Scribner and Carol Snyder. Each honoree received a gold ring and an appreciation plaque.

25 Years of Service

Honored for 25 years of service were: Willarene Amos, Lona Barrick, Cherry Bennett, Pat Berna, Michael Cully, George Factor, Janet Ruebin, Linda Underwood, and Karla Windy Boy.

Each person received a Pendleton blanket embroidered with their name and years of service.



Celebrating 20 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation with Gov. Bill Anoatubby include, front row from left, Karen Cook, Debra Davis, Lydia Harrison, Jimmy James, Gary Jones and Ina Wisdom. Middle row from left, Carol McCurdy, Richard Carney, Barry Gantt, Deborah Hook, Valerie Underwood, Rita Roberts and Rebecca Puller. Back row from left, Darren Clinton, Deborah Battice, Ronald Parker, Sonya Tiger Brown, Martin Stick and Renee Sweet.



Those honored by Gov. Bill Anoatubby for 15 years of service include Christopher Anoatubby, Norman Bradsher, Marsha Bronniman, Toney Buck, Linda Byrd, Andrea Castleberry, Robert Cheadle, Marvin Chiles, Tracey Chiles, Angela Connor, Basil Coplin, Robert Cosar, Richard Crabtree, Robin Skinner- Dameron, Brad Deramus, Monica Fulsom, Barbara Gaines, William Gaines, Deanna Hartley, Byron Hawkins, Michael Imotichey, Lewis Laxton, Richard Lewis, Carol Love, Janet Milburn, Phyllis Oxenham, James Ross, Norma Rumbaugh, Bobby Saunkeah, Bernie Sealy, Edison Sealy, Thomas Sellers, Christopher Tharp, Robert Thompson, Jenny Trett, Charles Wagon, Kathryn Walck, Gary Walker, Sr., Thalia Walton, Joyce West and Pamela Wingo. Each honoree received an engraved clock.

20 Years of Service

Those who have dedicated 20 years to the Chickasaw Nation received a gold watch, including: Deborah Battice, Richard Carney, Darren Clinton, Karen Cook, Debra Davis, Barry Gantt, Lydia Harrison, Deborah Hook, Jimmy James, Gary Jones, Dorislene Morgan, Carol McCurdy, Perry Payne, Ronald Parker, Rebecca Puller,

Rita Roberts, Martin Stick, Renee Sweet, Sonya Tiger Brown, Valerie Underwood and Ina Wisdom.

15 Years of Service

Those honored for 15 years of service include: Christopher Anoatubby, Norman Bradsher, Marsha Bronniman, Toney Buck, Linda Byrd, Andrea Castleberry, Robert Cheadle,

Marvin Chiles, Tracey Chiles, Angela Connor, Basil Coplin, Robert Cosar, Richard Crabtree, Robin Skinner- Dameron, Brad Deramus, Monica Fulsom, Barbara Gaines, William Gaines, Deanna Hartley, Byron Hawkins, Michael Imotichey, Lewis Laxton, Richard Lewis, Carol Love, Janet Milburn, Susan Morris, Charles Nail, Gingy Nail, Phyllis Oxenham, James Ross, Norma Rumbaugh, Bobby Saunkeah, Bernie Sealy, Edison Sealy, Thomas Sellers, Christopher Tharp, Robert Thompson, Jenny Trett, Charles Wagon, Kathryn Walck, Gary Walker, Sr., Thalia Walton, Joyce West and Pamela Wingo. Each honoree received an engraved clock.

10 Years of Service

Included among those with a decade of service are: Misty Arterberry, Donna Baugh, Erica Berryman, Joseph Billy, Nicole Bittle, Vicki Boissenin, Beverly Brigham, Lavonna Brinkley, Leslie Byrd, Doty Case, Lacey Clark, Kelly Campbell, Stephanie Carpenter, Trista Carney,

BIRTHS



From left, Josephine Quinn, Lincoln Edward and Elinor Rose Sykes.

Chickasaw triplets born October 15, 2013 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City.

Elinor Rose, weighed 3 lbs., 7 oz. at birth; Josephine Quinn, weighed 2 lbs., 14 oz. at birth; and Lincoln Edward Sykes, weighed 3 lbs., 10 oz. at birth.

The triplets are the children of Brent and Amanda Sykes, of Norman, Okla. Their big sister

is Paige Sykes.

They are the paternal grandchildren of Ron and Deana Sykes, of Newcastle, Okla., and the maternal grandchildren of Robin and Tim Curran, of Moore, Okla.

The babies are fourth generation descendants of original Chickasaw enrollee George Edward Cofer.



Clay Morris Kiser

Cary and Amanda Kiser proudly announce the birth of their son, Clay Morris Kiser. He was born Jan. 3, 2013 at 11:34 p.m. at Baylor Medical Center, Frisco, Texas. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Clayton and Carolyn Castleman, of Ashdown, Ariz. Paternal grandparents are Charla Kiser, of Durant, Okla., and the late Gary Kiser.



Benedict James Arnold

Benedict James Arnold was born at 3:59 p.m., Dec. 4, 2012 at Tacoma General Hospital at Tacoma, Wash. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz., at measured 20 inches at birth.

He is the son of Matthew Arnold and Katie (Dewey) Arnold, of University Place, Wash.

He is the grandson of Mark and Karen Arnold, of Torrance, Calif., and Jeff and Ellen Dewey, of Hell, Mich.

He is the great-grandson of Fredwinna (Sperry) and the late Mark Arnold, of Las Vegas, Nev., and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Imon (McGee) Sperry.



Blakely Elizabeth Mayo

Blakely Elizabeth Mayo was born at 7:28 p.m., Feb. 11, 2013 at St. Vincent Infirmary Hospital, Little Rock, Ark. She weighed 5 lbs., 11 oz.

She is the daughter of Sydney Grisham and Barrett Mayo, of Cabot, Ark.

The proud grandparents are Don and Kristina Grisham, of Cabot, and the great-grandparents are Myles and Sandy Homer, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is a descendant of Bit and Lillian Fowler and Myles and Juanita Homer.

BIRTHDAYS



Evan Snow

Evan Snow celebrated his fourth birthday February 9, 2013.

He is the son of Anthony and Leslie Snow, of Moore, Okla.

He is the grandson of Gerald and Melana Elczyn, of Tuttle, Okla., and the great-grandson of Oretha Mae Hilton, of Tuttle.

He is the proud big brother of Roman Snow.

Happy Birthday Evan!

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Alexis Lewis signs with Northern



Lone Grove (OK) High School softball player Alexis Lewis, center, signs a letter of intent to play college softball at Northern Oklahoma College. Sitting with Miss Lewis are, left, her grandmother Christine Lewis and Northern head coach Jamie Roberts. Back row from left, unidentified Northern coach and Lone Grove Coach Jimmy Miller.

Chickasaw softball player Alexis Lewis has signed a letter of intent to play for Northern Oklahoma College.

Miss Lewis will graduate in May from Lone Grove (OK) High School.

The senior is expected to play third base at Northern. She batted .277 with 27 RBIs and seven doubles for Lone Grove during the fall season.

She was named to the All-Ardmoreite First Team.

Wynne awarded Order of Saint Barbara



Chickasaw citizen 1st Sgt. Jimmy Jonglenlee Wynne, of Bridge Creek, Okla., was recently awarded The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara by the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

The award was presented to 1st Sgt. Wynne during the annual All Saint's Ball in Norman, Okla.

1st Sgt. Wynne has a history of service to his country. As a U.S. Marine, he served on active duty in Operation Desert Storm; as an Indiana Army National Guardsman, he served on active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle; as an Oklahoma Army National Guardsman, he served at Camp Gruber in support of

Hurricane Katrina victims. He recently returned from a year of active duty in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for his Afghanistan service.

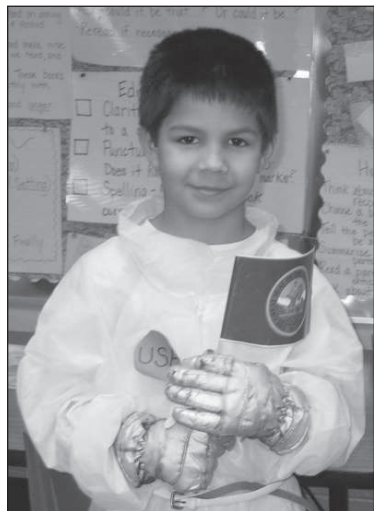
1st Sgt. Wynne is the son of Chickasaw elder Willie Juanita Wynne and Jimmy T. Wynne, of Stratford, Okla. He is married to Jennifer Wynne. The couple have three children, Vivien, Jimmy Tishomingo, and Karissa Wynne, and two granddaughters, Natalie and Mackenzie. 1st Sgt. Wynne has multiple brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews and his entire family is extremely proud of his service to our country.

34th Annual Gospel Singing

Free Admission

7 p.m., March 23
Tishomingo Community Center
(Across from the Tishomingo Indian Clinic)
Bring lawn chairs!
Concession available.
All singers and listeners are welcome!
For more information call (918) 927-6722.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Oliver Hartman

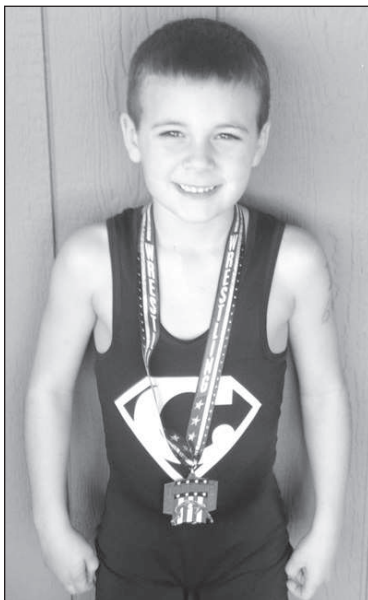
Oliver Hartman portrays Cmdr. John Herrington

Nine-year-old Oliver Hartman, a third grader at James R. Darnaby Elementary School in Tulsa, recently participated in a school program in which students dressed up as famous people.

Oliver, a Chickasaw, chose Chickasaw astronaut and aviator John Herrington as his famous person.

Oliver is the son of Justin and Traci Hartman.

His grandparents are George and Kathy Washington and David and Jacki Hartman.



Rance Digby

Rance Digby takes second at tournament

Rance Digby, a Chickasaw, placed second in the division 160-lb. weight class at the Joe McDaniel Memorial Wrestling Tournament in Sulphur, Okla., Jan. 19. Rance wrestles for Caveman Wrestling of Davis, Okla., and attends Davis Elementary School.

Rance is the son of Jason and Dana Digby. He is the grandson of Dean and Barbara Digby, and the great-grandson of Irene Digby.



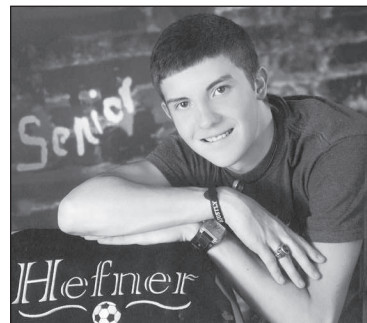
Ashton Rees

Ashton Rees named Court Warming Queen

Ashton Leigh Rees, a Chickasaw and a senior at Thayer (MO) High School was recently chosen "Court Warming Queen".

Miss Rees is the daughter of Ray and LaRee Rees. She is the granddaughter of LeRoy and Betty Howard.

Ashton, LaRee and Betty are Chickasaw citizens and descendants of Cyrus Harris, the first elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.



Joseph Hefner

Joseph Hefner named to OBU Dean's Honor Roll

A Chickasaw college student has recently been named to the honor roll.

Joseph Hefner, a sophomore at Oklahoma Baptist University, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2012 semester.

Mr. Hefner, of Denison, Texas, is majoring in applied ministry with an emphasis in youth ministry.

He is the son of the late Robert Hefner and Christy Payne. He is the grandson of Joe Paul Hefner, and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee Viola Hays Dickerson.



Caitlyn Dowdy

Caitlyn Victoria Dowdy graduates from OU

Caitlyn Victoria Dowdy earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the Gaylord College of Journalism at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Dec. 15, 2012. She is the daughter of David Campbell and Linda Cress Dowdy, of Plano, Texas. She is the sister of Ashlee Dowdy, of Plano.

She majored in public relations with a minor in communications. She completed her degree in three and one-half years and is currently interning at The Richards Group in Dallas, an internationally known advertising and public relations agency.

Wearing the Chickasaw graduation honor stole at graduation, she benefited from the support of the Chickasaw Nation, including a summer internship opportunity in Ada.



Margaret Tafoya

Margaret Grace Tafoya receives law degree

Margaret Grace Tafoya recently earned her juris doctorate with honors from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego.

She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee James Franklin Wells Sr.

Many thanks to the Chickasaw Nation for their generous and continued support throughout her journey to become a lawyer. After passing the California State Bar she plans a career in criminal prosecution.



Joshua Heath

Chickasaw attorney named to tribal judgeship

Chickasaw attorney Joshua Heath has recently been appointed an associate judge by the tribal council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

The announcement was made in Parker, Ariz.

Mr. Heath, 29, is one of the youngest attorneys to serve as a judge in Arizona.

He is a graduate of Regent Law School, Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he attended with the help of a Chickasaw Nation grant.

He has previously served as an associate prosecutor for the City of Glendale, Ariz.

He is the great-great-great-grandson of original enrollee Mary C. Brown (Finley).

McReynolds announces candidacy for Carter County Commission

Joe David McReynolds, a Chickasaw, has announced his candidacy for Carter County (OK) Commissioner, District 1.

Mr. McReynolds was born and raised in Carter County. His father, the late Joe Dean McReynolds, served as District 1 commissioner for 13 years.

"I worked side by side with my dad in his sand and gravel business," Mr. McReynolds said. "He taught me how to properly manage money in a family business, and I observed first-hand an exemplary work ethic. I learned that hard work and dedication are imperative in any economy, and success comes from treating your customers and your constituents honestly and fairly."

Mr. McReynolds is a 1985 graduate of Dickson (OK) High School. He and his wife of 24 years, Tammy Frensley McReynolds, have three sons, Joel and wife Chelsea, Camer-

on, and Brady. They are grandparents to Joen and Chloe.

An active family man, Mr. McReynolds has been a little league football and basketball coach, and Dickson Football Booster Club member. He and his family are active members of Mary Niblack Baptist Church where he serves as a trustee, deacon, and transportation committee member.

Mr. McReynolds owns and operates a cattle ranch east of Ardmore, Okla., as well as his own successful sand and gravel business, McReynolds Sand and Gravel.

"I will work in the same manner to save money, increase efficiency, and make Carter County a better place to live," Mr. McReynolds said.

He has also worked at Michelin Tire Company in Ardmore for 25 years serving in capacities as sidewall line operator, acting supervisor, and member of the plant safety team.

"One of my priorities as commissioner would be to use the knowledge I have gained in my

leadership classes at Michelin and my safety experience on the plant safety team, to make a safer living environment for my constituents and a safer workplace for county employees," he said.

McReynolds lists his priorities as being a good financial steward; having a good working relationship with other elected officials; acquiring additional resources; safety; working closely with the sheriff's department, fire department's and schools; and partnering with oil companies and others to restore roads and bridges.

"More than anything, I want the people to know that I would have an open door policy to listen to their concerns and be available to them to address their needs, Mr. McReynolds said.

"I strongly believe that anything worth doing is worth doing right. I will be honest and fair, and pledge to uphold the office of county commissioner with integrity and serve the patrons to the best of my ability."



Joe David McReynolds

Kenneth Keel passes coding specialist exam



Kenneth G. Keel

Kenneth G. Keel, a Chickasaw, recently passed the Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) exam sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Mr. Keel lives in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife Linda and mother-in-law Lorraine Geary. He has been employed by the Nashville Veterans Administration Medical Center as a medical records coder since April 1998. Mr. Keel is the son of Mary Katherine (Kay) Keel and the late Kenneth Keel.

Letters to Editor

Thanks for help with technology degree

I would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for helping me obtain my degree. I graduated from Texas State Technical College on December 7, 2012 with a degree in Chemical and Environmental Laboratory Technology. I hope to work in the oil field with this degree.

Thank You,
Letitia L. Rowe

Family thankful for storm shelter program

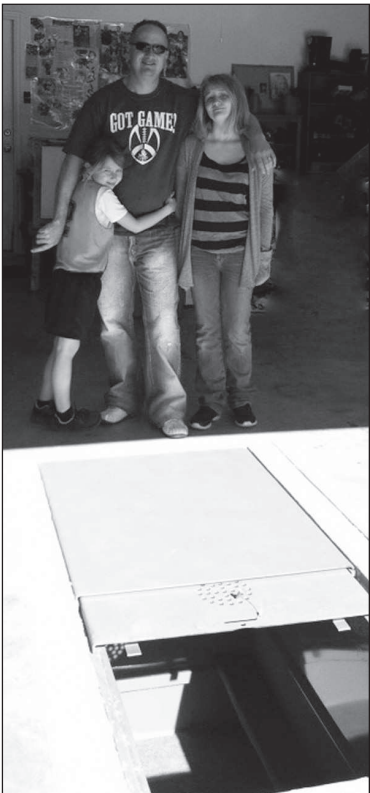
The Nichols Family would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development for their professional assistance with our "Storm Shelter - At Large" application.

We would especially like to thank Terry Davis, Housing Management Services Director, who answered every question we had about the program in a helpful and proficient manner.

Our application was approved in October and by November 15, a new storm shelter was installed in our garage!

We are forever grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for meeting our needs by ensuring that our family will be safe during severe weather. It means more than we can really express to you in this thank you note; we are truly blessed to be a part of the Chickasaw family!

Sincerely,
Kevin, Kasie, Katie & Kloe Nichols
Shawnee, OK



The Nichols family of Shawnee, Okla., with their new storm shelter.

Chickasaw Community Council of Denver

The Chickasaw Community Council of Denver conducted its first bi-monthly meeting of 2013 on Jan. 12 at the Denver Indian Center.

We were honored to have two guests from the Chickasaw Nation: Nicole Walls (Communications Officer for Public Affairs in Ada) and Cody Reynolds (Senior Collection Specialist from the Cultural Center in Sulphur). They shared interesting information about the Chickasaw Removal and enticing news about the improvements being made to the Cultural Center and the Genealogy Center.

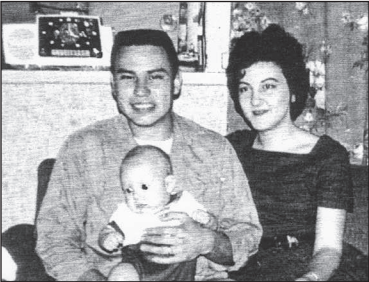
I know some of us are already making plans for another visit to see and enjoy the work that has been put into them.

As usual, we enjoyed a tasty pot luck and then wished our guests a safe trip home.

Daniels celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Merle and Sylvia Daniel



Merle and Sylvia Daniel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 10, 2013. Over 50 family members and friends attended the event.

The couple was married Feb. 10, 1963 in a Baptist Church parlor. Sharon Neal, Ray Jackson and Reba Jackson were witnesses.

Mr. Daniel was born in Shafter, Calif., and grew up in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Daniel was born in Warren, Ohio and grew up in Albany, Ky., and Norman, Okla.

The Daniels had their first date Dec. 17, 1962 when Mr. Daniel was 21 and Miss Wells (the soon-to-be Mrs. Daniel) was 18.

Mr. Daniel was in the Oklahoma National Guard and Mrs. Daniel was attending cosmetology school. The couple met in Mrs. Daniel's step-father's cafe in Norman.

The Daniels moved to Dallas in 1969 when Mr. Daniel took a job with Eastman Kodak. The company moved Mr. Daniel to Midland, Texas in 1970 and he retired from the company in 1992. Mrs. Daniel retired from the City of Midland, Texas city attorney's office in 2005.

The couple has two sons, Neal and Nick, and three daughters, Lisa, Tiana and Alicia. They also have been blessed with 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Show off your Pride and Joy!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with your special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **Friday, March 22, 2013**. Please send to:
The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821 or email to times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net

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This child (children) is my pride and joy because:

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10 Years of Service

Celebrating 10 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation with Gov. Bill Anoatubby include Misty Arterberry, Donna Baugh, Erica Berryman, Joseph Billy, Nicole Bittle, Vicki Boissenin, Lavonna Brinkley, Doty Case, Lacey Clark, Kelly Campbell, Stephanie Carpenter, Trista Carney, Richard Carson, Tim Carson, Melinda Cornish, Kelly Cook, Teresa Coon, Rob Crowley, Wilberta Cully, Lisa Daniels, Christian Demoss, Brent Deramus, Angie Dickenson, Denise Durant, Melissa Edgar, Robin Elliot, Jeremy Ellis, Scott Emerson, Shawn Finnerty, Amber Fox, Susan Faint, Tiffany Frye, Debra Gee, Kimberly Gill, Jason Gray, Michael Harris, Erik Hatton, Shane Heck, Carmen Henry, Steven Hill, Christy Hood, Joshua Hoover, Jeffrey Husley, Susan Hurst, Jennifer Impson, Kelly Javernick, Tom John, Thelma Johnson, John Joines, George Jones, Ginger Jones, Terri Jones, Shana Kinslow, Wanda Keller, Vicki Kelley, Christopher Lafountain, Nora Lampkin, Carrie Law, Toni Leader, Kent Lee, Dana Nickell, Micheal Lewis, Chenae Lippard, Kelly Logan Stefanie Luna, Bert Lynch, Shonda Martin, Sara Mayes, Monica McAlister, Anona McCullar, Jefferson McDonald, Cassandra McGilbray, Cynthia Mercer, Jennifer Miller, Thalia Miller, Kristi Mitchell, Jason Myers, Callie Monroe, Linda Moore, Victoria Morgan, Don Mose, Joritia Pursiville, Toni Pace, Tom Pelton, Angie Perry, Jeffrey Plott, Laura Prince, Linda Rhoten, Juan Rico, Sandra Rice, Leslie Robson, Krista Ross, Tim Sandefur, Virgil Sampson, Benji Sartors, Melody Schrank, Jason Scott, Scott Sparks, Raynell Serna, Pauline Sliger, Tiffany Specht, Ginger Stephens, Melisha Sutton, Shirley Thompson, Connie Tillery, Eric Todd, Verna Todd, Laura Townsend, Patrika Tyson, Dennis Underwood, Danny Wall, Ervin Walton, Melissa West, Brad Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Cheryl Willis and Candice Wisdom. Each honoree received a diamond lapel pin.



Richard Carson, Tim Carson, Melinda Cornish, Kelly Cook, Teresa Coon, Rob Crowley, Wilberta Cully, Lisa Daniels, Christian Demoss, Brent Deramus, Angie Dickenson, Denise Durant, Melissa Edgar, Robyn Elliott, Roy Elmore, Jeremy El-

lis, Scott Emerson, Sue Epperly, Shawn Finnerty, Kenny Fortner, Amber Fox, Susan Faint, Tiffany Frye, Debra Gee, Kenny Gipson, Kimberly Gill, Jason Gray, Michael Harris, Erik Hatton, Shane Heck, Carmen Henry, Steven Hill, Christy

Hood, Joshua Hoover, Jeffrey Husley, Susan Hurst, Jennifer Impson, Kelly Javernick, Tom John, Thelma Johnson, John Joines, George Jones, Ginger Jones, Terri Jones, Shana Kinslow, Wanda Keller, Vicki Kelley, Christopher Lafountain, William Lankford, Nora Lampkin, Carrie Law, Toni Leader, Kent Lee, Dana Nickell, Micheal Lewis, Chenae Lippard, Kelly Logan Stefanie Luna,

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To enter go to www.chickasaw.net and click on the link for customer service surveys.

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For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

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ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
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Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

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Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
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Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
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Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

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Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
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Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
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Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
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Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

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Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

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Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.

Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
npm@gvvc.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
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Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament April 26-27



The 5th annual t-ball tournament will be April 26-27, 2013

at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted. Entry fee is \$75 before April 1 and \$100 afterwards. The age cut-off date is January 1. Players must be 6 years old on or before December 31 to play.

Visit www.chickasawfoundation.org for updates.

Chickasaw Foundation announces Spring 2013 Scholarship Recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Ms. Michaela Hazlett as the spring 2013 recipient of the Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship. She is a freshman at Central Washington University majoring in nutrition science.



Michaela Hazlett

Ms. Sunni Daniel, a sophomore at Southwestern Oklahoma State University majoring in pre-pharmacy, is the spring 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship.



Sunni Daniel

Ms. Kara Gilbert, a senior accounting major at Southeast Missouri State University, is the 2013 spring recipient of the Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton.



Kara Gilbert

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All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - June 1 - to be considered for funding.

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Lindsey Wallace takes first at Dickson School



Chickasaw student Lindsey Wallace recently won first place for eighth grade art during the Academic Fair at Dickson (OK) School.

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January 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Dylan Barnoski

Dylan Barnoski, 13, son of Nina and Max Barnoski, of Stonewall, Okla., is a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Dylan is in the eighth grade at McLish Middle School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator, Shayna Stone, because of his advanced Math scores on the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test (OCCT).

Inspired by his love of music, Dylan has been playing the trumpet for three years.

"My future plans are to be a musician and attend OU after I graduate high school," Dylan said.

An active member of the Ada Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club, Dylan enjoys rock and fossil collecting, science and stargazing.

Zac Bevill

Zac Bevill, 9, son of Todd and Tiffany Bevill, of North Little Rock, Ark., is a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Zac Bevill

Zac is in the third grade at Angie Grant Elementary and was nominated by Anne Felan, a teacher in the gifted and talented program.

"Recently, I took a small group of my top chess club players to an invitational chess tournament hosted by a nearby school district," Ms. Felan said. "I chose to take Zac in one of my 4th grade spots; not only because of his superior chess skills but also, and possibly more importantly, because of his outstanding character."

"He went undefeated throughout the tournament," Ms. Felan said. "He was gracious and a good sport throughout the day, which comes as no surprise to me. He has always been generous with his knowledge and unceasingly patient with his peers."

Zac is the two-time winner of his school's Character award and has been recognized by the school board for his accom-

plishments.

He loves soccer, basketball, chess, music, reading and video games, and plans on becoming a doctor.

Erica Hanna

Erica Hanna, 14, daughter of Linda and David Hanna, of Broken Arrow, Okla., is a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Erica is in the ninth grade at North Intermediate High School and was nominated by teacher Dhea Hudson.

"She is a great, kind and wonderful student," Mrs. Hudson said. "It was very interesting to hear about her ancestors' struggles for independence. With her knowledge of Oklahoma and Native American history, she is a great candidate for this award."

Erica enjoys music, composing music, art, pop culture and pop art. She also like researching genealogy and her favorite school subject is Oklahoma history.

"After high school, I would like to go to college and get a degree in vocal music and music composition, with a minor in Native American studies," Erica said.

In his biography, Zac said he is "working on the Little Rockers Kids Marathon," and is an "avid Doctor Who fan and plans on attending college in London."

Ben Hudgens

Ben Hudgens, 11, son of Shelby and Sarah Hudgens, of Ada, Okla., is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Ben is in the sixth grade at Latta School and was nominated by teacher Lucas Cane.

"Ben is a student that stands out among his peers," Mr. Cane said. "His intellect is matched only by his eagerness to learn and dedication to his studies."

Mr. Cane described Ben as "steadfast, earnest and hard-working."

Ben is an active outdoorsman

and enjoys football, basketball, scouting, music, reading, running and gaming.

"I am an Oklahoma City Thunder fan and an Oklahoma State Cowboys fan," Ben said. "I have hiked to the top of Angel's Landing in Zion National Park, hiked the Slot Canyons and kayaked the Colorado River."

When Ben graduates high school, he would like to attend college and pursue a career in business or medicine.

Tori Prince

Tori Prince, 10, daughter of Stephen and Kyla Prince, of Roff, Okla., is a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Tori is in the fifth grade at Roff School and was nominated by teacher Claudette Wellington.

Ms. Wellington nominated Tori for the Chickasaw Honor Club based on her "classroom work, her leadership in and outside the classroom and her state OCCT test scores."

Tori enjoys swimming, drawing and crafting. She has a sister named Paris.

According to Tori, her "favorite subject is science," and when she grows up she wants to "be a nurse, vet or dentist."

Natalee Roberts

Natalee Roberts, 8, Stonewall, Okla., is the daughter of Amber Scribner and Tyler Frazier and a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Natalee Roberts

Natalee is in the third grade at Stonewall Elementary and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Shayna Stone.

Ms. Stone said she nominated Natalee "for scoring in the top three percent of the national standardized test Slosson for the Gifted and Talented."

Natalee earned straight A's and has been on the Superintendents Honor Roll and the Governor's Honor Roll every nine weeks this school year. She likes softball, basketball, reading and being with friends

and family.

Natalee enjoys being part of the Gifted and Talented program and plans on keeping her grades high in order to play basketball and softball.

"My plans for the future are to go to OU so I can study law and become a criminal lawyer, so I can help people that are really innocent," Natalee said. "I like to help people, I try to help my friends with homework or anything that I can help with."

Alyssa Sanchez

Alyssa Sanchez is the daughter of Mario Sanchez and Crystal Teal, of Roff, Okla., and a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Alyssa is in the sixth grade at Roff School and was nominated by reading teacher and academic coach, Lana Simon.

"Alyssa displays outstanding academic achievement as a part of the sixth and seventh grad Academic Team, as well as in the reading classroom," Ms. Simon said. "She is driven and wants to participate in any area of learning."

Alyssa enjoys academics and is a basketball fan.

"When I'm older I want to be a teacher," Alyssa said.

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi Sanchez, 16, daughter of Mario Sanchez and Crystal Teal, of Roff, Okla., is a January 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Lexi Sanchez

Lexi is a junior at Roff High School and was nominated by science teacher Allison Shannon. Ms. Shannon has taught Lexi since her freshman year.

"Lexi is very bright and truly diligent in her work," Ms. Shannon said. "She has become a terrific young lady who puts learning first. I'm very proud of her."

Lexi enjoys cheerleading and spends Monday through Thursday caring for third and fourth graders in an after school program.

"In school I am also involved in National Honor Society and the BETA Club," Lexi said. "Both of my parents are very supportive in everything I do. Right now I am focused on my schooling and being a good role model for my younger sisters."

After she finishes high school, Lexi hopes to go to college and become a social worker.

Tyler Weems

Tyler Weems, 12, son of Gary and Amanda Weems, of Stonewall, Okla., is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Tyler is in the fifth grade at Stonewall Public Schools and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator, Shayna Stone, because of his advanced scores in Math and Reading on the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test (OCCT).

Lego building, video gaming, playing football and basketball are some of Tyler's favorite pastimes.

According to Tyler, he is undecided about his future plans, but succeeding academically is very important to him.

Outstanding Citizenship

Logan Jarrett

Logan Jarrett, son of Joeanna and Marvin Jarrett, of Roff, Okla., is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Logan is in the sixth grade at Roff Junior High and was nominated by reading teacher and academic coach Lana Simon.



Logan Jarrett

"He is hard-working but I am most proud of his leadership in citizenship," Ms. Simon said. "Logan cares for others in his class as well as in his school and community."

As he looks to the future, Logan plans on working hard to achieve his academic goals.

Logan attends High Hill Baptist Church. His favorite school subjects are math and science.

"I enjoy watching Thunder basketball, being outside and going to church," said Logan.

Kullihoma spring turkey hunt applications due March 18

The 2013 deadline to apply Spring Turkey Hunt and the Special Youth Hunt permits at Kullihoma is fast approaching.

Permit requests may be picked up at the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and General Ranger Department, 221 N.

Rennie, Ada, Okla. All permit requests must be completed and returned to the department no later than **5 p.m. on March 18.**

Dates for the Spring Turkey Hunt are April 6 through May 6.

Legal means of taking: shotgun, conventional or muzzle-loader. Shot no larger than BB. Archery equipment described as legal for deer archery season.

Rifles and handguns may not be used during spring sea-

son.

There is a 1-tom limit at Kullihoma. Only one tom may be taken.

Dates for the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt are March 30 and 31. All youth hunters must complete the Oklahoma Hunter Education Class and possess the Oklahoma Hunter Education Card. Youth hunters must

be accompanied at all times by an adult during the hunt. Youth hunters may take one tom with traditional bow and arrow or shotgun.

All harvested turkeys must be reported to the Ranger Department, (580) 310-6466.

For questions, please call the Ranger Department at (580) 310-6466.

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Matt Cantrell

Matt Cantrell, 18, son of Cynthia Cantrell, of Ada, Okla., is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Matt is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by teacher Micah Turner.



Matt Cantrell

"Matt Cantrell has been working very hard in my English and Algebra II classes this semester," Mr. Turner said. "He is very respectful and helpful to me and to his peers."

"I can see a bright future ahead for Matt. I believe that he will take advantage of opportunities and become a respectable, law-abiding citizen and make a positive influence on his community."

In the future, Matt hopes to attend mechanic school in Okmulgee so he can eventually open his own mechanic and body shop.

"I love working on cars, riding four-wheelers and hanging out with my friends," Matt said. "My mom has worked for Valley View for 20 plus years, and I do what I can to help her around the house."

Outstanding Achievement Leadership

Piper Carolan Simpson

Piper Simpson, 14, daughter of Jamie and Kelly Cope, of Houston, Texas, is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Leadership Award.

Piper is in the eighth grade at Spring Branch Middle School and was nominated by math teacher and student counselor advisor, Laurie Fuller.



Piper Carolan Simpson

Ms. Fuller said in Piper's short time at Spring Branch she has exhibited leadership

skills and a "desire to serve her school."

"Piper was elected as the President of Student Counsel," Ms. Fuller said. "She was also selected to the Principal's Governing Board. She serves as an eighth grade mentor for a sixth grade student."

Piper is an avid community volunteer and won several baking awards in 2011 at the Oklahoma County Fair. She is on the yearbook staff at Spring Branch Middle School.

Piper has expressed a desire to be a physician. She enjoys horseback riding, volunteering and working with animals.

Outstanding Achievement Athletics

Perri Cole

Perri Cole, 15, daughter of Sean and Noelle Cole, of Edmond, Okla., is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award.

Perri is in the ninth grade at Deer Creek High School and was nominated by biology teacher and softball coach, Erin Regier.

"She is a very competitive and passionate softball player who brings a clear sense of purpose to the game," Ms. Regier said. "She is driven to be the best player she can be. She is also very encouraging to her teammates, even when things are a little tough."

Perri has played softball for nine years. She plays for the Deer Creek High School varsity team, and also for the Oklahoma Athletics competitive team.

In 2011, Perri was voted MVP in the USSSA World Series in Kansas City, and last summer, she represented Oklahoma in the inaugural Jim Thorpe Games.

Perri is a member of her school choir, and she enjoys swimming, traveling and being

with friends and family.

After high school, Perri would like to play softball in college and earn a degree in Education.

Katie Nicole Miller

Katie Miller, 17, daughter of Carla and Steve Miller, of Ada, Okla., is a January recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics award.



Katie Nicole Miller

Katie is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by secondary school counselor and cheer coach, Debbie Marion.

"Katie is a smiling, caring, hard-working student and cheerleader," Ms. Marion said. "She has not only excelled on the court, but she has also been a leader with the other girls, exhibiting a positive attitude all of the time."

In addition to cheerleading, Katie plays softball and basketball. She actively participates in extracurricular organization including FCCLA, DECA and FCA.

During summer, Katie attended a cheer camp in Tulsa and was awarded the 'Pin It Forward Award' by the University of Oklahoma's head cheer coach. This award was based on observation for enthusiasm, spirit and leadership.

Katie also enjoys being part of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services team. With the team, Katie has spent the last three spring break periods on mission trips to Belize.



Special Permit Request

Spring Turkey Hunt on Tribal Land --- Kullihoma Reservation

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 Year: _____ Tag #: _____ Emergency Contacts# _____

Must include copy of your CDIB

If the request is for a youth please designate by writing YOUTH at the top of request.

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who have taken their heritage with them to colleges across the country in an effort to learn more about their history and perhaps even plan to make it their life's work.

Chickasaw Nation and Education Opportunities

Education

Education is important to the Chickasaw people. The Chickasaw Nation was one of the first tribes to adopt Western styles of education. The Chickasaws have a rich heritage of educational programs and services. These include some of the first public schools located within Oklahoma and have influenced many of the secondary and trade schools throughout the state.

Today the Chickasaw Nation continues to be involved education services. For adults 18 and older who have dropped out of high school and would like to complete their General Equivalency Development (GED) diploma, adult learning classes can be taken in Ada, Ardmore and Sulphur, Okla.

To encourage students who have a passion for science,

technology and math, students ages 15-18 can discover the interesting and rewarding life of engineers and researchers by joining the FIRST Robotics Competition. Within a six-week time frame, students design and build a robot to compete against other high school age students from around the country.

Children and Youth

Whether it is a sports camp or a college scholarship, the Chickasaw Nation is committed to providing youth with unique opportunities to enhance their quality of life.

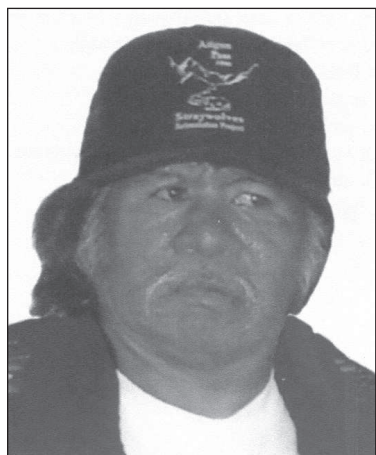
The Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club, with locations in Sulphur and Tishomingo, serve the youth of these communities. Featured programs focus on building character and leadership skills, supporting the arts, science and technology arenas and providing sports, fitness and other recreational activities.

For more information on any of the programs and services available through the Chickasaw Nation, call (580) 436-2603 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Melvin Eugene Alexander Sr.



Melvin Eugene Alexander Sr., 63, Ada, Okla., died October 8, 2012 at home. Services were October 12 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Alexander and Jerry Beck officiating. Burial followed at Steedman Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 23, 1949, at Talihina, Okla., to Jim and Wanda Marie Walker Alexander.

Mr. Alexander was an auto body repairman for Rufus Paint and Body Shop most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Wanda Alexander.

He is survived by two sons, Melvin Alexander Jr. and Michael Alexander, both of Oklahoma City; three daughters and a son-in-law, Regina and Loyd Golden, Ada, Diane Alexander and Cassandra Alexander, both of Oklahoma City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Alvin Alexander Sr. and Madelyn Alexander, Ada, and Marvin "Dondi" and Donna Alexander, Blanchard, Okla.; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Lavana and Mike Watkins, Ada, Ramona "Valdene" and William Willis, Norman, Okla., Juanita "Marsha" and Jessie Tatum Sr., Ada, and Quanna and Albert Ned, Oklahoma City; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other family members.

Bearers were Michael Markum, Eugene Marrs Jr., Chris Ahrens, Alvin Alexander Jr., Brian Cissnec, and Mike Watkins. Honorary bearers are Henry James, Wordley Walker and Jessie Tatum Sr.

Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

Patricia Annette Biggs



Patricia Annette Biggs, 53, of Ravia, Okla., died February 3, 2013 at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Funeral services were February 9, 2013 at the Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo. Pastor Rick Smith officiated with a Eulogy by Mr. Tom Lokey and the obituary reading by Mrs. Ruth Bennett. Interment followed in the Tishomingo (OK) Cemetery.

Mrs. Biggs was born June 5, 1959 at Mesa, Ariz., to William Calvin Burris and Carol Joan (McGehee) Burris.

She graduated from Tishomingo High School in 1977 and married Rance Biggs on July 24, 1987 at Tishomingo.

Mrs. Biggs worked for several years at Hoffman's IGA, the Murray State College Daycare and at the Daniel's Drive-In. Most of her working career, approximately 20 years, was spent as the manager of the Tishomingo Quick Mart. She was very involved in the restoration of the Tishomingo City Swimming Pool and had run the pool for three years before it closed. She was also a member of the Victory Life Church in Durant, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her father; a sister, Barbara Burris; and a brother, William Calvin Burris, II.

She is survived by her husband Rance, of the home; a daughter, Rebecca Alexander and husband Will, of Caddo, Okla.; two sons, Jason Sparlin and wife, Jennifer, of Orange County, Calif., and Joey Sparlin and wife, Wendy, of Denton, Texas; her mother, Joan Horton and husband, Gene, of Ravia; a sister, Kristy Horton and companion, Lorene Thomas, of Hamilton, Ontario; her grandchildren, Trey and Caitlynn Sparlin and Ever Grace Alexan-

der; other relatives and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Charlie Locke, Joe Sparlin, Danny Daniels, Stanley Sewell, Joe Pat Kite and Jerry Lawley.

Online condolences may be sent to clarkfuneralservice.net

Alma Perry Holmes



Alma Perry Holmes, died November 21, 2012 at her home.

She was born August 1, 1920, at Ada, Okla., to Simon Perry and Casey Alexander Perry.

She grew up as a member of the Chickasaw Indian tribe, with eight siblings, all of whom preceded her in death.

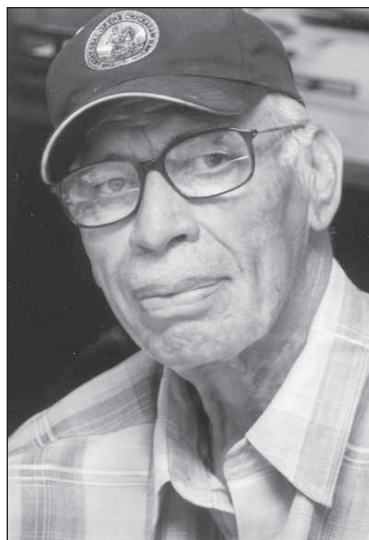
She married Arthur W. Holmes June 12, 1945. They led a wonderful life throughout the 30 years Mr. Holmes served in the U.S. Air Force. After retirement they traveled across the U.S., Canada and Mexico in their motor home, and settled in Augusta, Ga., near their son and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Arthur (aka-Johnny) Holmes; a son Meredith Holmes and his wife Toby Jacobson Holmes, of Lake Oconee, Ga.; granddaughters Pamela Holmes Wilmot, of North Augusta, S.C., Casey Holmes Thornton, of Watkinsville, Ga., Cathy Dunstan, of Atlanta Ga.; eight great-grandchildren, Michael Holmes, Jordan Holmes, Dylan Allen, Ashleigh Holmes, Alyssa Holmes, Addison Holmes, Gavin Wilmot, and McKinley Thornton; a beloved niece Josephine (Emma) Leonard, of Tomball, Texas; and many other nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Holmes was a beautiful and elegant lady. She has been cherished by all whom she has touched, and she will be deeply missed.

Condolences can be left online on the guestbook at www.thomaspooteet.com

Joe Monty Pipins



Joe Monty Pipins, 72, died February 9, 2013.

Mr. Pipins was born August 2, 1940 at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., to Joe and Jane Liddell Pipins.

He spent his formative years in Parker, Ariz., where his father worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and his mother worked as a cook in the Metropolitan Water District's desert facility, Gene Camp, for 20 years.

One-quarter Chickasaw, Mr. Pipins was proud of his American Indian heritage and of a bloodline that includes many noted Chickasaw leaders. His great-grandfather was a Chickasaw chief and his grandmother, Mini Keel Liddell, was an original Chickasaw enrollees on the Dawes Commission rolls.

His cousin, Jefferson Keel, currently serves as Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and his cousin Linda Briggs, serves a Tribal Legislator.

After graduating from Parker High School in 1957, Mr. Pipins, headed for Texas with his brother to work in construction with an uncle. There, he began pursuing a lifelong passion for building and racing fast cars. Today, he is considered one of the pioneers of drag racing.

In 1959 he agreed to take a job at Metropolitan Water District settling in Claremont and becoming part of another family legacy: employment with the MWD. Along with his mother's service at Gene Camp, Mr. Pipins' brothers, Butch and Donnie, also went on to become longtime MWD employees, boasting tenures of 35 and 39 years, respectively.

Mr. Pipins held many positions in his years at MWD. He

served as one of the builders of the control gates at Morris Dam and engineered a tunnel-cleaning machine used to remove sludge and algae from the aqueduct pipeline running from Copper Basin to Lake Matthews. It was a point of pride for Mr. Pipins that he had been through every MWD tunnel at least once.

He took full advantage of his proximity to the Pomona Raceway. Throughout the 1960s, he was a mechanic, owner and driver of dragsters and AA Fuel Altered cars in the NHRA.

He married Angela Torrez December 1961. Soon after, they welcomed a son, Erik, followed by a daughter, Roseanne.

Mr. Pipins' fast-paced life was brought to a halt in 1984, when he suffered a massive stroke. He worked extremely hard during his rehabilitation, earning the patient of the year honor at Casa Colina Hospital before returning to work in 1985. Though in later years he used a wheelchair, Mr. Pipins continued to be a member of the MWD family until his retirement in 2010.

He had the distinction of being the only 51-year employee of the water district and was proud of his service. Exceptionally sociable and gifted with a distinct sense of humor, Mr. Pipins was especially thankful for the many lifelong friends and colleagues he met along the way.

"He was a loving, caring and patient father and he will be forever in our hearts," his children shared.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joe and Rosa Torrez; his parents, Joseph and Jane Liddell Pipins.

He is survived by his wife, Angela Torrez Pipins; children, Erik and Roseanne Pipins; grandchildren, Mercedes Pipins, D.J. Wands and Vincent Jaramillo; and brothers, Butch and Donald Pipins; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and co-workers.

Bettye Frances McGee Spencer



Mrs. Spencer was a caregiver at NORCE, retiring after 23 years.

After her retirement, she started walking every morning. She also worked at Youngblood Hotel.

Mrs. Spencer was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and a member of Zoe Bible Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three sisters, Amanda Crawford, Mary Baxter, and JoAnn Tasby.

She is survived by three sons, Leonard McGee, Lawrence McGee, and Floyd Weddington, all of Enid; brothers, Ellis McGee, Jr. and Jaunzetta, Ellis II McGee, and Sharone, Maurice McGee and Jerlyn, Lester and JoAnn Thomas; sisters Juanita West, and Lenora, Oliver Finley, and Earnestine French; a nephew Ricky West; nieces Teresa West, Vonetta-Norvell Radley; and special niece Tina Crawford.

Memorials may be made to Relay for Life.

Condolences online at www.andersonburris.com.

Bettye Frances Spencer, 79, died January 19, 2013 at Enid, Okla. Funeral services were January 26, at the Zoe Bible Church, with Rev. Cornelius Pitts officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery.

She was born June 10, 1933 at Springer, Okla., to Ellis and Jennifer "Jan" Shannon McGee.

She grew up in Springer and attended school there.

She married George Spencer, Sr. July 25, 1960, at Enid.

Ode to Ambassador Charles Blackwell

Editor's Note: The following verse has been submitted in memory of the late Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States Charles Blackwell by Chickasaw student Tyler Braswell.

Mr. Braswell wrote the poem after observing a gift-giving ceremony that took place during Mr. Blackwell's funeral service in Washington. An elder from one of the Northern tribal schools presented the entire Blackwell family with Star Quilts. Mr. Braswell found the moment moving.

Mr. Braswell attends George Washington University and is part of the Native American Political Leaders Program.

The Star Quilt

I have made you this Star-Quilt
to honor the death of my friend, your father
I chose colors that I thought suited you,
the colors that his descriptions painted you.

We have never met,
I am just an old mother from the Northern Plains
but take this gift knowing
I cried as I made this quilt
I mourned his death as I worked
I put love into each stitch

I hope only
that one cold night
you wrap yourself in my gift.
And that its warmth honors his memory like a story told by a fire.

This poem is dedicated to Geoffrey Blackwell and the Blackwell family.

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It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2013 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than ***Friday, April 19, 2013.***

Notice:

Please send an original photo (not a photo copy). The photo will be returned to the address provided.

Also include a **contact number** in case we have questions.

Information and photo can also be emailed to times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net

Senior Profile Form



Name _____

Home town _____

High School _____
(city and state)

Parents/guardians _____
(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

Grandparents _____

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Please mail your completed form to
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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 17, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Paula Woods, Michael L. Wingo, Jimmie Jennings, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Dana Lance, Vicky Gold, Jerry Imotichey

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 21, 2012
A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the December 21, 2012, minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of December 21, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz
Permanent Resolution Number 30-006, Amendments to Title 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Reapportionment)

This resolution amends the apportionment plan codified in Title 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the current apportionment is maintained. The current apportionment plan is anticipated to require Tishomingo District to lose a seat in 2013 and Pontotoc District to gain one seat; therefore, the seats would number Panola - 1; Tishomingo - 2; Pickens - 4; and Pontotoc - 6.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve PR30-006.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes
The motion to approve PR30-006 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 30-016, Oil and Gas Lease in Carter County Unallotted Tract 674 ½

This resolution approves the Oil and Gas Lease requested by Continental Resources, Inc., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which has submitted an acceptable bid of \$503.27 per acre for a total bonus of \$5,032.70. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$1,258.18, on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations containing 20 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual

rent for a total of \$30.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$7.50 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR30-016.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-016 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-017 Application for Grants Under the U.S. Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's grant application for the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation from the United States Department of Justice. The grant solicitation combines all Department of Justice grants into one coordinated application. The requested funds will be utilized to address six areas including Community Oriented Policing (COPS), Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (TSASP), Tribal Governments Program (TGP), Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities (CJAPIC), Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program (CTVAP) and Tribal Youth Program (TYP).

The COPS grant will enhance law enforcement by funding new patrol vehicles, new equipment, a replacement dive boat and equipment and training for law enforcement officers; the TSASP grant will serve sexual assault victims by funding a nurse to coordinate the sexual assault nurse exam (SANE) program; the TGP grant will address victimization needs by continued funding of sexual assault services including transportation and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; the CJAPIC grant will address child abuse by funding a

position to provide direct services to victims of child abuse and their families; the CTVAP grant will address victimization by funding an advocacy program for all victims of crime and their families; and the TYP grant will focus on preventing delinquency by engaging at-risk tribal youth in activities centered on cultural preservation and minimizing risk factors associated with delinquency.

The grant proposal is not to exceed \$3,365,000 during the three (3) year grant cycle.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR30-017.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-017 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 30-005, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

This resolution corrects section numbers in Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and secondd by Ms. McManus to approve PR30-005.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

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2012 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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The motion to approve PR30-005 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

There was no new business.

Mr. Jimmie Jennings expressed a need for a medical center, a wellness center and a distribution center in the Duncan area.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on the Cobell Settlement and the lease in Carter County. He also requested the meeting date be changed to Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Barker, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

FEBRUARY 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-018

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Children's Development Center to be located in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

No votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole

February 11, 2013

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Health Care Committee

February 4, 2013

Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee

February 4, 2013

Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

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